

# FRENCH YIELD NOYON, HOLD OISE; GERMAN LOSS ESTIMATED 325,000

## French Give More Help

### Reinforce British in Additional Part of South End of Battle Zone—German Pressure Worst Between Bapaume and Oise River

London, March 26.—French forces have extended and reinforced that portion of the British fighting front which they took over along the southern end of the battle zone. Field Marshal Haig reported that French troops were arriving in the sectors of Guiscard and Nesle, both of which towns are now in the hands of the Germans. (The French war office announced on Monday that French troops had relieved the British on that part of the battle front lying in the Noyon sector. Noyon is about five miles south of the Guiscard-Nesle district.)

Violent infantry fighting and

Judging from the German claims the Kaiser's armies have advanced from 12 to 16 miles in certain districts of their offensive zone since the battle opened six days ago. According to the German war office reports the fighting line now runs northward from the Oise river half way between Noyon and Chauny past Nesle, Licourt, Brie, Peronne, Comblies, Bapaume and Coisilles. The German war office insists that American troops are playing a role in the battle, stating that they were driven back along with the British and French through a forest in the Guiscard district.

(Washington advices stated that General Pershing had reported that two regiments of American engineers are with the British armies engaged in the gigantic battle of Picardy. Three companies of the American engineers were said to be working in the Crozat Canal zone of the fighting, where the Germans reported a furious struggle raging yesterday.)

Foe's Advance Slower. The German advance at points where progress has been made, is slow, considering the superior number of men and guns they have flung into the fray and the stupendous expenditure of ammunition. In the briefest lull of infantry fighting thousands of German guns go into action, their roar shaking the earth for miles as though an earthquake were raging.

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## PATROL ACTIVITY LESS NORTH OF TOUL ON AMERICAN FRONT

### U. S. Forces Not Really "in It" Yet, Today's Reports Show

## HATS ALL OFF TO THE FRENCH

Latter's Repulse of Germans at North Bank of Somme Wins Sammie's Respect—With Our Forces.

With the American Army in France, March 26.—(9 a. m.)—Gunfire and patrol activity on the American front north of Toul was much below the average during the night, as though by common consent the American and German artillerymen had relaxed their efforts, realizing that the world's attention was entirely shifted to the scene of the British battle.

## Retreat Still Is Orderly

### Allies Give Ground Largely to Save Men—Battle of Picardy Slackens, Haig Reports, But May Be Resumed at Any Time—Germans Still Reinforce Shattered Lines

London, March 26.—Fighting in the mighty battle of Picardy died down during the night, the British War Office reported today.

The British have established themselves in new fortified positions east of Roye.

The official report dwelt upon the severity of German losses, calling them "heavy."

(The information that the British have taken up positions east of Roye and the German losses are slight.)

(The British have taken up positions in those sectors about six miles south of Roye.)

## SOME FEATURES OF BIG BATTLE

Amsterdam, March 26.—All leaders with the possible exception of Field Marshal von Mackensen are now on the Western front.

German headquarters are said to be established temporarily at St. Quentin.

In addition to the Kaiser and the German Crown Prince, Field Marshal von Hindenburg, Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, General von Ludendorff and scores of lesser generals are on the Western front between the Aisne River and the North Sea.

ALLIES' MORALE GOOD. London, March 26.—"The morale of the allied armies remains high," said the Daily Chronicle in an editorial today.

Their numbers so far have been economically used but we could wish they were larger. What would we not give to have on the western front the large forces which have been held at Salonika? The present ordeal, if it does nothing else, ought to bring home to the most skeptical the correctness of the Western allied strategy.

GERMAN OBJECTIVE. Military critics are still in doubt as to the real objective of the German army on the western front. There is a growing disposition to believe that it may be Amiens. Amiens is about 30 miles west of Peronne, which the Germans now hold.

Railways running northward from Amiens to Compiègne, Caen and Reims pass through Amiens.

It is believed that the German army is now concentrating its forces in the Amiens sector.

## PLENTY OF DANGER TILL ALLIES LAUNCH COUNTER OFFENSIVE

### Washington Army Officers Hopeful, But Call Situation Critical

## GERMAN OBJECTIVE NOT YET ASCERTAINED

### It May With About Equal Possibility Be Either Parisward or Channel Port—Some Speculation.

Washington, March 26.—Until the Anglo-French forces on the western front can launch a counter-offensive which will check the German drive, the situation must remain critical, in the opinion of army officers here today. The outlook, while somewhat improved, is fraught with many dangerous possibilities.

The very presence on the German side of practically every German general officer who has won success during the present war emphasizes the importance which Germany attaches to the great battle which is now being fought.

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## Firm on Left Bank of River

### Tentons Increase Attacks Along Whole of Chauny-Noyon Front, Says Official Communique—French Artillery Gives Infantry Strong Aid—German Losses Very Heavy

Paris, March 26.—Noyon has been evacuated by the French, the War Office admitted today.

The French firmly hold the left bank of the Oise River, however. (Noyon lies north of the Oise River and it was in that district that the French took over a part of the British battle line.)

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## MUCK'S ARREST PARTLY FOR HIS PROTECTION

### Boston, March 26.—Dr. Karl Muck, conductor of the Boston Symphony orchestra, underwent extensive questioning at the Federal building today following his arrest on the charge of being an alien enemy.

He was examined by United States District Attorney Thomas J. Boynton and United States Assistant District Attorneys Daniel A. Shea and Judd Dewey.

No formal charge was made and at the conclusion of the hearing Dr. Muck will be placed in the custody of United States Marshal John J. Mitchell and remanded to the East Cambridge jail.

Washington, March 26.—Arrest of Dr. Karl Muck, leader of the Boston Symphony orchestra as an alien enemy, is simply a continuation of the policy of the government to intern all dangerous aliens, regardless of their social position or number of their friends, officials of the Department of Justice announced today. Dr. Muck has been under surveillance for many months by agents of the department. The evidence against him will not be revealed. But officials said that they felt confident that he would be detained for the period of the war.

It was expected that Dr. Muck would make a fight through his attorneys in Boston on the ground that he is a Swiss subject. "Expecting this action Department of Justice agents today added significantly that this would hardly help him; it is entirely possible to deport the musical director as an undesirable alien if he proves his Swiss citizenship, which is not considered likely, officials said today.

No More Temporalizing. Officials declare there is to be no further temporalizing with the "German spirit" in the United States. There are too many evidence reaching Washington that the temper of the nation is approaching the breaking point in tolerating anti-American utterances in many localities.

## U. S. SCOUT PATROL SUNK IN ATLANTIC

### Strikes Rock at Four O'clock This Morning, and Goes Down About Eight—Nobody Drowned.

An Atlantic Port, March 26.—An American scout patrol ship was sunk off the North Atlantic Coast today. The vessel struck a rock at about 4 o'clock in the morning, and sank four hours later. It was impossible to save her.

All the members of the crew were able to reach shore in the life boats. The scout ship, however, is a total loss, apparently.

The cause of the accident has not been announced.

SENATE ADOPTS URGENT DEFICIENCY BILL. Washington, March 25.—The Senate this afternoon adopted the conference report on the urgent deficiency bill, which includes provision for the government purchase of the German-owned piers at Hoboken, N. J., and gives the President the authority to direct the sale of German-owned property in the United States.

## DUTCH SAILORS GIVE OPPOSITION

### New York, March 26.—Government agents today related many human interest incidents concerning the taking over of 72 Dutch ships in this port by the United States government last Saturday. First fights were numerous between Holland sailors and American naval reserves, but the Americans in nearly every encounter came off victorious.

Violent opposition in several cases was shown by Dutch staff officers and crews when the Americans hauled down the orange, white and blue tricolor of the Netherlands and hoisted the Stars and Stripes. In one case the Naval Reserves found the Dutch flag flying high from the aftermast. When they attempted to lower it they found it had been bound with strands of wire independent of the halyard cords. An American lad then "shinned" into the rigging and climbed the topmast only to find that the flagpole had been greased. The problem was solved, however, by a former telephone lineman who refused to be stopped by such a little thing as a greased pole.

## 13 DEVENS OFFICERS GET COMMISSIONS

### Division Headquarters Includes Skilton Man in List Just Out HOLCOMB AT CAMP

Governor Pays Sudden Visit—Object Not Known—Who the New Promotees Are.

Camp Devens, Mass., March 26.—The promotion of 13 commissioned officers was announced at Division Headquarters today. Lieutenant Colonel P. W. Arnold, of the 301st Infantry, was made known, and assigned to the command of the headquarters train and the military police, the place made vacant by the transfer of Colonel G. H. Estes, transferred to Washington.

Major Channing Frothingham of Boston, who has been acting commander of the base hospital, was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel and made permanent commander of the hospital.

First Lieutenants William D. June of the headquarters train, and Endicott R. Lovell, of the 301st Field Artillery regiment were made captains. Captain June comes from Fitchburg and Captain Lovell from Concord.

## NEW YORK PRESS EDITORS OPTIMISTIC

### "Drawn Battle of Somme" Would be "Defeat", Says Times—Sun, World and Tribune Comment.

New York, March 26.—Editorial comment on the great German thrust on the western front here today struck a note of optimism, writers pointing out that the Allies have withstood unprecedented concentrations of troops repeatedly in the past and that a drawn battle will be a German defeat.

The World points out that against the German general staff is gambling on sheer weight of men and metal and that so long as the allied line holds nothing is lost.

"A drawn battle of the Somme would be a decisive defeat of the Germans," said the Times, "and the temper of their people at home would not endure another disappointment of their hopes."

"The British front has bent back, but it has not been broken," said the Tribune. "Should the offensive pause now and die away, its results would represent only another tactical German victory."

The Sun points out that the organization of the present drive with a record for war efficiency and military leadership, and that "nothing short of some blunder on the part of the Allies would represent only another tactical German victory."

The big value to America in the present situation, said the Sun, is its disclosure to our eyes of the magnitude of the German drive.

## FAKE BRITISH CAPTAIN LEARNS FATE TODAY.

### Boston, March 26.—Percy De Willoughby, pseudo-captain in the British army, will learn today whether or not he is to be shot as a deserter.

De Willoughby, who was arrested by United States immigration officials last Saturday, will be turned over to the Canadian authorities to take whatever action they may see fit.

TEUTONS WILL NEVER  
BREAK THROUGH SAYS  
McKENNA AT CIRCLE

Canadian Back From the  
Trenches Tells a Thrilling  
Story

EYEWITNESS OF TERRIBLE  
CRUELITIES BY THE HUNS

Crucified Living Soldiers With Bayonets—Used Prisoners as Targets—His Graphic Narrative.

"The American people need have no fear that the Germans will break through the western front in their present great offensive," said Sergeant McKenna at the Circle theater last night. "If they did not break through in 1914-15 and '16 when there was but a thin line to stop them and when they, numbered at times 10 to 1 they can never break through now when the numbers are nearly even and the Allies are prepared to stop them."

Fought on Same Field.

Sergeant McKenna knows whereof he speaks for he fought on the same ground where the big offensive is now raging during the "big push" at the Somme two years ago. He knows the lay of the land and realizes the strategy the British are using in withdrawing to better positions. According to Sergeant McKenna there are fortified positions miles and miles in the rear of the first line trenches to which the British may withdraw safely when necessary. McKenna himself has fired a machine gun into the midst of German troops attacking in massed formation and he says the damage done and losses inflicted upon the Germans are appalling. They cannot stand it for long and when they are through with their big offensive then will be the time for the Allies to push ahead to victory.

Spoke Impromptu.

Sergeant McKenna was brought to the Circle theater under the auspices of the Connecticut Council of Defense which took over the theater for

TONIGHT'S SHOW  
Today Is Triangle Day

The Learnin' of  
JIM BENTON

With ROY STEWART in Lead  
A Rattling Wild Western Drama.  
TRIANGLE COMEDY TRIANGLE NOVELTY  
P. S.—Don't Forget THE AUCTION BLOCK—Tomorrow

REX BEACH'S

perial Germans runs through the combn Hun and he shows his nasty traits in hand to hand fighting. A Boche never fails to take an opportunity at striking from behind. They are not human beings but Hunnish machines.

We Should Make Sacrifices.

The people at home should not kick about the pinch of war. They should not object to giving an extra dollar toward the Red Cross or Y. M. C. A. or buying thrift stamps. McKenna knows of one man in a Canadian hospital who has lost both arms, both legs and his eyesight. That man is happy for he feels that he has a clear conscience. He knows he has done his bit and is proud of it. Those at home should think of the sacrifices being made at the front by our own boys when they are asked to give a few pennies for some worthy cause.

His Mother's Letter.

McKenna a few days ago received a letter from his mother in Canada. Her youngest son, McKenna's young brother, had been listed among the missing. This means no doubt that he has been killed. To show the

Busier. A shell struck the trenches and the Canadians scattered so that they would not be killed. Buster was half buried by the explosion. The Canadians in order to show their valor and ridicule the Germans across No Man's Land clicked their heels together and started to sing "God Save the King." Buster was angered. He cried out, "To h— with ze King! Save Buster!" The amusing incident of a Gurka attack was told. The Gurkas employ sharp knives in their attacks against the Germans. One Gurka made a slash at a German sentry over the top of the trench. The sentry laughed and said "You missed me that time." The Gurka answered, "Is that so? Shake your head and see."

Send Cigarettes.

The soldiers in the trenches cannot receive too many cigarettes. A platoon of soldiers was once cut off from their lines for 72 hours. Some of the men lost their minds and it was almost necessary to kill the men for the protection of the others. At last help arrived and the men were freed.

to where they were. The cigarettes had staided them. The British army serves rum for this purpose.

Favors Rum for Men.

Sergeant McKenna said that he hates to hear some prohibitionist object to this rum ration. Those who object to it do not know the good it does. Ralph Connor, the well known author, who is also a minister visited the trenches and on his return gave full support to the serving of rum to the men. The rum served at the earliest and darkest hour of the morning when "Stand to!" is ordered and an attack is awaited. This is the time when a man's vitality is at its lowest and he needs something to strengthen him.

The atrocities committed by the Huns cannot be numbered. Often times prisoners have been found with their throats cut. They cannot act decent nor can they treat their prisoners decently for it isn't a German to be decent, he said.

"The Contemptibles."

The little contemptible British army isn't little any more but it is still contemptible to the Germans. They are still "strafting" England. The English "Tommie" say the only reason the Germans say "God Punish England" is because they can't punish her themselves. McKenna believed that the hatred of the English was aroused in Germany because the British feet has the German feet bottled up in the Kiel canal. The German navy has cost the Germans an immense sum and as yet it has been of no use to them.

"Don't Worry."

McKenna's last bit of advice was "Don't worry." The men over there aren't worrying. They know the final outcome will be favorable. The British have the self confidence which makes them say "We can't be beaten."

"Men are out there; sentries have their guns on the parapets pointing toward the German trenches; other first line men are sitting at the bottom of the trench waiting for the first sign of action; raiding parties are crawling about on their stomachs amid the mud and stench of No Man's Land; men in the medical corps are working hard to save the lives of the men wounded in the last attack. All this is being done for you at home. You must stand by the men in the trenches lest they fail for lack of support," he concluded.

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FOR SALE—Baby carriage, good as new. Inquire Edward Newton, 25 Hamlin Street.

FOR SALE—Parlor stove, window and door screens, window shades, reason for selling, moving out of town. Inquire at 34 Hamlin St.

TO RENT.—Garage. Room for two cars. Apply to Stewart Dillon, Central Market.

TO RENT—8 room tenement with bath. Apply 92 Foster St., Phone 409-3.

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TO RENT—A 7 room tenement on Foster St. Apply to Robt. J. Smith, Bank Building.

TO RENT—A 10 roomed up stairs tenement, suitable for a small family. E. K. Hohenhalt, 467 Center St.

DESIRABLE RENT—For adult family, rent reasonable. See Sessard, 10 So. Main St., Tel. 39-4.

TO RENT—Furnished rooms with or without board, apply Oxford Hotel, Telephone 528.

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WANTED—Rent 7 room tenement for April first, must have 3 rooms down stairs, north of town, Phone 97-2.

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WANTED—A girl for second hand dress. Apply Mrs. Sarah G. Cheney, 1234 Foster St.

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WANTED—By adult, quiet convenient rent near downtown of suburbs with good neighborhood preferred. Address Box 113, West Hill.

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FOUND—A small black dog, name by identification, lost by owner. Reward \$5.00. See Grant, Tel. 11-11.

# BABES IN THE WOODS

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THIS IS THE TITLE OF THE BIG FOX MASTERPIECE WHICH WILL BE SHOWN AT THIS THEATER THIS EVENING. OTHER REELS INCLUDE, "THE HIDDEN HAND" AND TWO FIRST RUN COMEDIES.

TOMORROW CHARLES RAY IS PRESENTED IN A THOS. INCE PRODUCTION HIS MOTHER'S SON "TOTO" A NEW FIND WILL ALSO MAKE HIS APPEARANCE.

THURS.—PAULINE FREDERICK in MRS. DANE'S DEFENSE

## REV. THOS. SIMMS RESIGNS

Leaves Gorham, Me., Church After Seven Years' Pastorate.

News has been received of the resignation of Rev. Thomas Simms as pastor of the Congregational church at Gorham, Maine. The resignation is to take effect Nov. 1. The Portland paper from which we get our information says that the resignation at the close of the morn-

ing service last Sunday was a complete surprise to the congregation and that no reasons were advanced by the minister for his action. Mr. Simms conducted the morning service as usual but near its close left the pulpit and his resignation was then read by a church official.

Rev. Mr. Simms, who was pastor of the Center church in this place from 1891 to 1900, went to Gorham seven years ago, after having served parishes in Middlebury, Vt., and South Braintree, Mass. He has not

been in the best of health recently and that fact no doubt was one of the reasons which led to his resignation.

## SEND OFF FOR MEN.

Selectives to be Entertained Here Thursday Evening.

At a meeting of the Citizens' committee last evening, arrangements were made for a send off for the boys who are to leave for Camp Devens, Saturday. An entertainment and supper will be given in the Recreation building, Thursday evening, beginning at 6.30 o'clock. Supper will be served under the direction of G. H. Miller and a corps of assistants and the entertainment will follow. It is expected Rev. J. S. Neill of St. Mary's Episcopal church will be the speaker of the evening. The entertainment will consist of vocal and instrumental selections.

Up to date, the citizens' committee has provided for 211 men who have gone into service. This number includes enlisted men for home service, the drafted men, those who have enlisted in the navy and in the Canadian army. Suppers have not been given to every man, but every one has received a box of things.

The general committee is composed of David Hubbard, G. H. Miller, Frank Cheney Jr., W. C. Cheney, H. M. Burke, H. I. Taylor, Rev. W. J. McGurk, G. E. Keith and F. D. Cheney. This committee has now been enlarged by the addition of William Walsh, O. P. Toop, A. Balthasar, Henry Morgan and Herbert Ingham.

W. R. Jones, of Benton, Ill., lawyer for Kungler, who had said he would ask for a new trial, was warned by citizens to leave the town. He left immediately.

## LIBERTY BONDS ON THIRD LOAN REPORT

Interest at 4 1/2 and Convertibility Privilege Makes Two Issues of Bonds More Attractive—Quotations.

New York, March 25.—The stock market stood the further disquieting advice from the English battle, from remarkably well at the opening today, there being no pressure in any issue, except that which came from some of the bear traders who offered stocks at a discount and then waited for long selling to begin in.

This pressure was confined to a period of a few minutes and after that business came almost to a standstill, with many stocks not traded in during the first 15 minutes.

Steel Common yielded 1/2 to 88 1/2, followed a rally to 89 1/2, and Baldwin Locomotive, after a decline of half to 73 1/2, rallied to 73 3/4.

Reading declined 1/2 to 79 1/2, with an advance to 80 1/2 in the next few minutes. Marine Preferred showed an early loss of 1/2 to 90 1/2, but quickly advanced to 91 1/2.

Trading in Liberty second 4s attracted increased attention because of the definite statement that the Third Liberty loan would carry 4 1/2 per cent interest, and conversion

rights on the second four placed these bonds practically on the same level as the coming issue. The second 4s closed yesterday at 97 and advanced this morning to 97.50 on an extremely large demand. Liberty 3 1/2s were traded in at 98.50.

Stock Quotations.

Reported for The Evening Herald by Richter & Co., 6 Central Row, Hartford, 2.30 p. m. prices:

At G & W I	106
Alaska Gold	1 1/2
American Sugar	101 1/2
Am B Sugar	76
Am Tel & Tel	100 1/2
Anaconda	62 1/2
Am Smelter	77
Am Loco	81 1/2
Am Car Foundry	76 1/2
A T & T	82 1/2
Balt & Ohio	62
Bethlehem Steel	77 1/2
Chile Copper	15
Col Fuel	37 1/2
C & O	56 1/2
Can Pac	139
Erie	15 1/2
Erie 1st	27 1/2
Gen Electric	135
Gt Northern	85 1/2
Kennecott	30 1/2
Mexican Pet	93
Mer M Pfd	92 1/2
Mer M	25
Miami Copper	30
Norfolk & West	108
New Consol Copper	18 1/2
National Lead	56
North Pacific	84 1/2
N Y Cent	69 1/2
N Y N H & H	28 1/2
Press Steel Car	59 1/2
Penna	44 1/2
People's Gas	42
Repub I & S	78 1/2
Reading	81
Chic R I & Pac	19 1/2
Southern Pac	83 1/2
Southern Ry	23 1/2
St Paul	41 1/2
Tex Oil	145
Unon Pac	119 1/2
U S Steel	89 1/2
U S Steel Pfd	109
Utah Copper	73
Westinghouse	40 1/2
Liberty Bonds 3 1/2s	98.80
Liberty Bonds 4s 1st	97.50
Liberty Bonds 4s 2nd	97.60

## CABLE FROM LONDON.

Charles J. Hall Recovers From Wounds—Is Back on Duty.

Mrs. Robert Hall, of 53 Summit street this afternoon received a cablegram from London which stated that her son, Charles J. Hall, of the Royal Flying Corps, lately reported wounded in an aerial battle, has been "discharged to duty." It means that he has received his discharge from the hospital and is back fighting with the Allies.

CHICAGO "BETSY ROSS" MAKES 2-MORE FLAGS. Chicago, March 25.—Mrs. Belle M. Ocker, the "Betsy Ross" of Chicago, has just finished a large American flag.

## JEWELRY for EASTER

The newness and the freshness that is prevalent when nature put on her Spring attire, creates within most of us a desire for new things. That's why it is customary to have new clothes for Easter. If new clothes, why not new necklaces, scarf pins, brooches, pendants, earrings, and new jewel-

Buy War Savings Stamps and thus Help the U. S. to carry on the War. The Soldiers will appreciate your sending them Smileage Books.



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Narrow Gros Grain bandings in all the popular shades for hats.

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Georgette Crepe, Satin and Organde, also embroidered Swiss, Net, and the very latest Styles in Filet Lace. Both white and colors and in a variety of styles.

Vestees in Crepe, pique, satin and net. Stocks with Jabots in Crepe, Net and Lace.

Women's Cotton and Silk Underwear. Easter or Spring Weights.

The Popular "Kayser" Italian Silk Underwear—Vests, Tights and Union Suits, flesh color, Vests and Tights for \$2.25 and \$2.50. Union Suits for \$3.50 and \$4.00 each.

Special number in Women's Pure Thread Silk Vests, flesh color, real value \$2.00, on sale Wednesday and Thursday for \$1.79 each.

Women's Merode, Viola and Richlieu Underwear, in Lisle, Vests, Pants and Union Suits at lowest prices.

## EASTER HOSIERY FOR MEN AND WOMEN

The Famous "Phoenix" Half Hose for Men, black and colors both plain and clocked, for 65 cents and 85 cents per pair. Men's "Wayne" Knit Silk Half Hose in the season's best shades, tans and browns being specially good, 75 cents pair.

Women's "Phoenix" Silk Hose, both plain and fancy, in the regular and extra sizes, for 90 cents, \$1.15 and \$1.35 pair.

Women's No. 300 all pure thread silk Hose, in the popular shades for this season, for \$1.50 pair.

Women's "Wayne Knit" Silk Hosiery, for \$1.25 pair, and also in Lisle from 39 cents to 75 cents pair.

Women's "Onyx" Lisle Hosiery from 29 cents to 75 cents pair.

Women's "Kayser" all silk Hosiery, always dependable from \$1.35 to \$2.00 per pair.

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## Wednesday Specials

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- Gold Medal and Neptune Flour ..... \$1.58 Sack
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- B. B. Dustless Dust Cloths ..... 25c. TO 50c.
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GERMANS STILL ADVANCE

The momentum of the German attack, initiated by a vast artillery preparation, has not yet spent itself, and may not do so for another day. It appears now that the present offensive has been in preparation for many months, while the two sides remained deadlocked by winter conditions on the West front, and German ingenuity and industry have been concentrated in true Teuton fashion on the one great blow. It is not at all surprising, therefore, that the British have found it wise as well as necessary to retire from one point after another, particularly as the Germans have brought up fresh troops repeatedly and hurled them into the breaches made by their big guns. The British center at this writing remains firm and has even counter attacked.

There is nothing to indicate that the Germans haven't paid dearly, perhaps more dearly than ever for their latest gains, and the slaughter of thousands is bound to have a serious effect upon German morale, regardless of territorial progress made. Tens of thousands killed, wounded and missing aggregate an estimated 325,000 men. The big battle will be won by the side which retains its initiative and fighting edge and has the reserves to push forward at the critical moment. The Germans cannot expect to win.

Their ammunition alone will not avail, because it will require days to move up their big guns. The capture of howitzers by the Teutons from their foes is conspicuous by its absence. Too much credence, also, must not be placed in German claims, for the morale of the German people has been at a low ebb, and every victory must be made to count in the announcements made.

The French, who have taken over one sector, have counter attacked, and the Germans' captures of British prisoners to date total only 45,000, which is insignificant in a movement of the present magnitude.

Meanwhile, the world conflict will have only begun, not ended, even if the Germans reach Paris or penetrate to Calais. They must hold all they take and also keep their lines of communication intact. The very violence of their present attack precludes the possibility of its long continuance. Victory must be won soon or not at all. If victory is not won very shortly, defeat will certainly result, for German endurance in the field as well as at home will have reached its limit.

"AMERICANISM."

"The issue is: Americanism—pure, undiluted, undefiled."—Hartford Times on the municipal campaign just launched.

Far be it from us, an outsider, to suggest what the issue or the issues in Hartford, Conn., at this present time are or should be. But there are certain general reflections which it is timely to make.

What is a Democrat? and What is a Republican? are questions in national politics which haven't been answered successfully yet, and aren't much nearer an answer than they were months ago. In municipal politics there really has never been a strictly Democratic or strictly Republican issue, so far as we know, and it is an impertinence to suggest any such issue. The chief type of municipal "issue" has been one of personalities, Republican and Democratic, who were such by reason of national, not city, politics. Imagine calling one's self a Democrat in a city election because one approved of the present Democratic Administration. Yet that is exactly what

Americanism has been doing. Americanism was the "issue" put forward very unwisely by the fusion forces in New York City, despite the fact that they had done fine service for the biggest city of the world, given it an administration of unparalleled efficiency. The voters, rightly or wrongly, ignored Americanism and snuffed Mr. Mitchell under.

That everybody is a good American, back of the war, determined to root out the poison of pro-Germanism, whether displayed in the dark by high financiers or openly by I. W. W. violence, ought to be a truism.

Frank Macomber, editor of the Hartford Globe, in a speech here many weeks ago under the auspices of the Single Tax Club, told some things about municipal finance, which may or may not be applicable in the present campaign. Mr. Macomber, like the Evening Herald, is an independent Republican, with emphasis on the independent.

CREDIT FOR GARFIELD.

The federal Fuel Administration, and more particularly Dr. Garfield, has begun to learn much from the laboratory of its experience with the coal situation during the last few months, and the establishment of a zone system for the distribution of hard coal is a move that will do much toward preventing a condition like that of last winter. The Evening Herald some time ago announced briefly the gist of the plan, and the details now are forthcoming. The scheme takes effect on April 1.

Says the announcement: "Heretofore coal has been distributed practically without regard to the distance between the mine and the consumer. Under the zone system coal will be distributed to consuming territory under restrictions that will avoid as far as possible waste of transportation facilities, but nevertheless consistent with the maintenance of the greatest possible production and a proper coal supply to all coal users. Every effort has been made, however, to preserve long-established trade relations."

"A large part of the coal which the system will prevent from moving West out of the eastern producing districts will be available for use in New England in so far as it can be transported there. Production in the district supplying New England via all-rail routes can be increased somewhat, but there is difficulty in moving by all-rail routes the amount of coal needed and the capacity of the rail gateways to New England has been nearly reached. Improvement now being

other cases in the country. It may explain the case of certain college or university professors, whom the United States "secret service" has not yet apprehended.

Whether Dr. Muck is actually guilty or not, and the presumption is that he is, this case should teach Americans a lesson.

There will be many a case like that of Jim Strange, but not in Manchester. The sister of Lord Kitchener, for instance, is said to believe to this day that he is alive, a prisoner in Germany.

The union Lenten services among the Methodists, Episcopalians and Congregationalists this week, beginning tonight, do credit to them. There are many too-important things to think about to remember Protestant factionalism.

The meeting at the Recreation building this afternoon at four o'clock under the auspices of the local food committee is the most important called so far by them. Every woman should be there, if possible.

OUR SMOKE FUND.

Nearing the \$500 Mark—New Shipping Arrangements.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount. Includes Knights of Pythias No. 72 Lodge 4.11, L. N. Heebner 1.00, Mrs. Jennie Fay 1.00, A Friend 1.00, Total \$477.26

Word has been received from the R. J. Reynolds Co. of Winston-Salem, N. C., that on account of an order by the War Department no tobacco will be taken over on United States transports unless it is consigned to some member of the expeditionary forces.

It was originally planned to send over the March shipment to Dr. Hesselgrave and have him ship to the company commander of Co. G, 102nd U. S. Infantry, the quota assigned to his company.

However, in order to keep within the bounds prescribed by the War Department it has been decided to reverse the operation, i. e., send the shipment direct to the company commander and notify Dr. Hesselgrave of its whereabouts so that he may get the quota allotted to members of the expeditionary forces from Manchester and send it to them.

SPECIAL WRITER SPEAKS OF THRIFT STAMP VALUES

By S. W. Straus.

How many of us give thought to the character-building, spine-stiffening value of a Liberty Bond or a Thrift stamp?

Generally speaking, the man or woman who cannot save money is a failure, and those who can save are successful.

Thrift is an insurance policy against utter failure and the process of saving is generally of more real value to the individual than the amount saved. If thrift meant merely saving money, Benjamin Franklin would have gone down in history as a successful miser, and Lincoln and Washington would have borne the stigma that comes to the avaricious man.

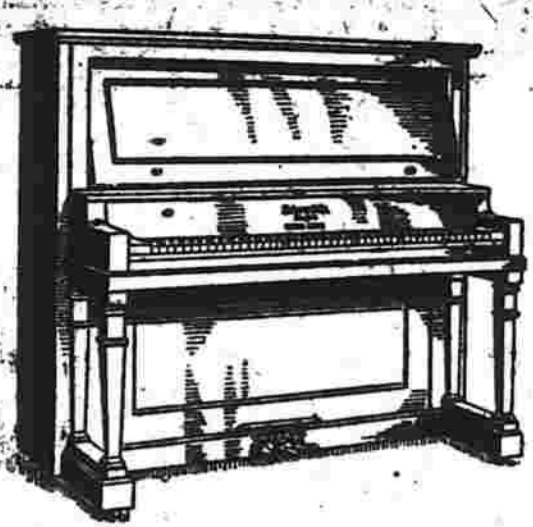
When you buy a Liberty Bond or a Thrift stamp, you are making yourself part of one of the most colossal movements for the benefit of mankind since the dawn of history, and quietly, modestly, assuredly you also are developing within yourself a strength of character that has not been yours before.

In the years that are to come, how many a prosperous citizen, looking back to these stirring days, will say "I laid the foundation of my fortune when I bought my first Liberty Bond back in 1918!"

Give me a boy who is buying Liberty Bonds or Thrift stamps today, and I will give you a successful man in ten or twenty years. For the process of self-denial will give rigidity to his backbone, squareness to his jaw, and clearness to his brain, and he will fight his way onward and upward to success in the face of every adverse circumstance that the evil genius of ill-luck can contrive.

Let our teachers, our four-minute orators, our preachers and all others who are valiantly working for the success of these war issues, point out the fact that when a man saves money for these purposes he is putting in one good lick for Uncle Sam and two for himself; for the nation will march on to victory, the cause of true righteousness and justice will prevail and he who fails to help is cheating himself.

Suddenly we have rushed into an era demanding individual efficiency. The heyday of the slipshod person is gone forever. Thriftlessness is a word written on the face of a fool.



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must be made for a much larger movement by water in 1918 than in 1917 or New England and its people and industries will suffer."

A separate study of the New England situation now is being made. Was there ever a more gross example of inefficiency in its most obvious form, that of lost motion, anywhere in America? And there is no possible reason why the same principle shouldn't be applied to all sorts of commodities. If prices were standardized, and entangling financial alliances which seem largely to disregard territorial limits were cut, the principle could be used frequently.

The action is taken after "prolonged conferences with coal producers, jobbers, and consumers, and with the traffic and operating officials of the railroads." So much the better.

MUCK ARRESTED.

American sense of fair play, American tolerance, American feeling that every man, in war time as in peace, is innocent until he is proved guilty—the law, which supposedly holds the same at all times and places in the country—doesn't exactly work, and is impracticable, if the case of Karl Muck, leader of the Boston Symphony orchestra, is any index.

Dr. Muck was arrested late Sunday night at his residence in the fashionable Back Bay district, charged with being an alien enemy. The facts are still to come out, but the Administration has been only too easy with many of these artists. Whether they could be put behind the bars is a question, but they could be kept under surveillance, and should be.

Dr. Muck was a German Swiss, or had taken out Swiss citizenship papers, and that somewhat disarmed suspicion. When we reflect, however, that Switzerland is more or less divided between opposing sympathies, for the Allies and the Central Powers, and that citizenship in an adopted land does not mean the loss of German citizenship, provided the proper application for retention of the latter has been made, we can understand Dr. Muck's case. That unique law, which states in so many words the doctrine of "once a German always a German", explains

to date only one transport has been sunk by the U-boats while a large number of freighters have been sent to the bottom.

The April shipment will be started the first of next week and it is expected to keep this up for the duration of the war, increasing the size of the shipments as the Manchester boys now at Camp Devens and other training camps are sent to France.

The shipments are costing about \$110 per month, and to date with all bills paid there is on hand a balance of \$72,116.

This balance represents what is left after paying for the first shipment sent with Dr. Hesselgrave, the second shipment sent to Captain Bisell, the third shipment sent to Dr. Hesselgrave on February 5th, part of which was for Co. G, 102nd, and part for the other Manchester boys, and the third shipment sent by the R. J. Reynolds Co., the early part of the present month to the company commander of Co. G, part of which Dr. Hesselgrave will take care of.

Besides these expenses, postage on the second and third shipment has been paid and the counter collection boxes now in use at different parts of the town have been paid for besides expenses incidental to entertainment on Company G Night at the Park Theater last month.

With the amounts expected in before the end of the month through personal subscriptions and the collection boxes it is fully expected to have enough on hand to pay for the April shipment.

ARMSTRONG-BLEVINS.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Alice Blevins of 43 Garden street and Thomas Armstrong of Oakland. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. S. Neill at St. Mary's rectory, Saturday evening. Miss Mina Addy was the bridesmaid and Herbert Metcalf, the best man. Immediately after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong left for Springfield. They are to live in Manchester. The bridegroom is employed at the Oakland paper mill.

HODGES GETS PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Washington, March 25—Major General H. S. Hodges, commanding the seventy-sixth division Camp Devens, Mass., was here today to take a physical examination to determine his fitness to remain in his present post.

HOLLAND MINISTER RECEIVED

Washington, March 25—August Phillips, the Netherlands minister, was received by President Wilson at the White House today. The diplomat requested to reveal the purpose of his visit, but it was generally understood that the Dutch ship seizure was discussed, but whether a protest from the Dutch government was conveyed by the diplomat could not be ascertained.

OLD ENGINEER DIES.

Marietta, Ga., March 25—M. F. McCrary, the oldest locomotive engineer in the South, is dead. For more than forty years he drove an engine. In the days of the Civil war he was engineer on the famous "General" and later on the "Titanic" which figured in many exciting episodes.

KNITS WHILE IN JURY BOX.

New Castle, March 25—M. A. Riley, a draftsman employed by the Shelby Steel Tube Company, was busy knitting a sweater for the Red Cross during the three days he served as grand juror.

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# The Initiation Ceremony

A New and Unwelcome Member Is Admitted to the In-or-Ins.

By BOOTH TARKINGTON

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But Georgie did. It is difficult to imagine how cause and effect could be more closely and patiently related. Inevitably, Georgie did come poking around. How was he to refrain when daily, up and down the neighborhood, the brothers strutted with mystic and important airs, when they whispered together and uttered words of strange import in his presence? Thus did they defeat their own object. They desired to keep Georgie at a distance, yet they could not refrain from posing before him. They wished to impress upon him the fact that he was an outsider, and they but succeeded in rousing his desire to be an insider, a desire which soon became a determination. For few were the days until he not only knew of the shack but had actually paid it a visit. That was upon a morning when the other boys were in school. Georgie having found himself indisposed until about ten o'clock, when he was able to take nourishment and subsequently to interest himself in this rather private affair. He climbed the Williams' alley fence, and having made a modest investigation of the exterior of the shack, which was padlocked, retired without having disturbed anything except his own peace of mind. His curiosity, merely piqued before, now became ravenous and painful. It was not allayed by the mystic manners of the members or by the unnecessary emphasis they laid upon their coldness toward himself; and when a committee informed him darkly that there were "secret orders" to prevent his coming within "a hundred and sixteen feet"—such was Penrod's arbitrary language—of the Williams' yard, "in any direction," Georgie could bear it no longer, but entered his own house, and, in burning words, laid the case before a woman higher up. Here the responsibility for things is directly traceable to grown people. Within that hour, Mrs. Bassett sat in Mrs. Williams' library to address her hostesses upon the subject of Georgie's grievance.

"Of course, it isn't Sam's fault," she said, concluding her interpretation of the affair. "Georgie likes Sam, and didn't blame him at all. No; we both felt that Sam would always be a polite, nice boy—Georgie used those very words—but Penrod seems to have a very bad influence. Georgie felt that Sam would want him to come and play in the shack if Penrod didn't make Sam do everything he wants. What hurt Georgie most is that it's Sam's shack, and he felt

too. He said that even Penrod would be glad to have him for a member of their little club if it weren't for Maurice—and I think he spoke of Roddy Blitts, too."

The fact that the two remaining members were colored was omitted from this discourse—which leads to the deduction that Georgie had not mentioned it.

"Georgie said all the other boys liked him very much," Mrs. Bassett continued, "and that he felt it his duty to join the club, because most of them were so anxious to have him, and he is sure he would have a good influence over them. He really did speak of it in quite a touching way. Mrs. Williams. Of course, we mothers mustn't brag of our sons too much, but Georgie really isn't like other boys. He is so sensitive, you can't think how this little affair has hurt him, and I felt that it might even make him ill. You see, I had to respect his reason for wanting to join the club. And if I am his mother—I must say that it seems noble to want to join not really for his own sake but for the good he felt his influence would have over the other boys. Don't you think so, Mrs. Williams?"

Mrs. Williams said that she did, indeed. And the result of this interview was another, which took place between Sam and his father that evening. For Mrs. Williams, after talking to Sam herself, felt that the matter needed a man to deal with it. The man did it man-fashion.

"You either invite Georgie Bassett to play in the shack all he wants to," said the man, "or the shack comes down."

"But—"

"Take your choice. I'm not going to have neighborhood quarrels over such—"

"But, papa—"

"That's enough! You said yourself you haven't anything against Georgie. I said—"

seen. If you want to keep it, be polite and invite him in."

"But—"

"That's all, I said!"

Sam was crushed.

Next day he communicated the bitter substance of the edict to the other members, and gloom became unanimous. So serious an aspect did the affair present that it was felt necessary to call a special meeting of the order after school. The entire membership was in attendance; the door was closed, the window covered with a board, and the candle lighted. Then all of the brothers—except one—began to express their sorrowful apprehensions. The whole thing was spoiled, they agreed, if Georgie Bassett had to be taken in. On the other hand, if they didn't take him in, "there wouldn't be anything left." The one brother who failed to express any opinion was little Verman. He was otherwise occupied.

Verman had been the official paddler during the initiations of Roddy Blitts and Maurice Levy; his work had been conscientious, and it seemed to be taken by consent that he was to continue in office. An old shingle from the wooded roof had been used for the exercise of his function in the cases of Roddy and Maurice, but this afternoon he had brought with him a new one, which he had picked up somewhere. It was broader and thicker than the old one, and during the melancholy prophecies of his fellows, he whittled the lesser end of it to the likeness of a handle. Thus engaged, he bore no appearance of despondency; on the contrary, his eyes, shining brightly in the candlelight, indicated that eager thoughts possessed him, while from time to time the sound of a chuckle issued from his simple African throat. Gradually the other brothers began to notice his preoccupation, and one by one they fell silent, regarding him thoughtfully. Slowly the darkness of their countenances lifted a little; something happier and brighter began to glimmer from each boyish face. All eyes remained fascinated upon Verman.

"Well, anyway," said Penrod, in a tone that was almost cheerful, "this is only Tuesday. We got pretty near all week to fix up the 'nshiation for Saturday."

And Saturday brought sunshine to make the occasion more tolerable for both candidate and the society. Mrs. Williams, going to the window

front gate. There he paused and yodelled for a time. An answering yodel came presently; Penrod Schofield appeared, and by his side walked Georgie Bassett. Georgie was always neat, but Mrs. Williams noticed that he exhibited unusual gloss and polish today. As for his expression, it was a shade too complacent under the circumstances, though, for that matter, perfect tact avoids an air of triumph under any circumstances. Mrs. Williams was pleased to observe that Sam and Penrod betrayed no resentment whatever; they seemed to have accepted defeat in a good spirit and to be inclined to make the best of Georgie. Indeed, they appeared to be genuinely excited about him—it was evident that their cordiality was eager and wholehearted.

The three boys conferred for a few moments; then Sam disappeared round the house and returned, waving his hand and nodding. Upon that, Penrod took Georgie's left arm. Sam took his right, and the three marched off to the backyard in a companionable way which made Mrs. Williams feel that it had been an excellent thing to interfere a little in Georgie's interest.

Experiencing the benevolent warmth that comes of assisting in a good action, she ascended to an apartment upstairs, and, for a couple of hours, employed herself with needle and thread in sartorial repairs on behalf of her husband and Sam. Then she was interrupted by the advent of a colored serving-maid.

"Miz Williams, I reckon the house goin' fall down!" said this pessimist, arriving out of breath. "That s'isty 'o' Mist' Sam's suttently tryin' to pull the roof down on ow halds!"

"The roof?" Mrs. Williams inquired mildly. "They aren't in the attic, are they?"

"No'm; they in the celluh, but they reachin' fer the roof! I nev' did hear no sech a rumpus an' squawkin' an' whackin' an' fallin' an' whoopin' an' whackin' an' bangin'! They troop down by the outside celluh do, 'neen bang!—they bus' loose, an' been goin' on ev' since, wuss'n Bedun! Ef they anything down celluh afn' broke by this time, it can't be only jes' the foundashun, an' I bet that ain't goin' stan' much longer! I'd gone down an' stop 'em, but I'm 'fraid to. Hones, Miz Williams, I'm 'fraid 'o' my life go down there, all that Bedun goin' on. I thought I come see what you say."

Mrs. Williams laughed.

"We'll have to stand a little noise in the house sometimes, Fanny, when there are boys. They're just playing, and a lot of noise is usually a pretty safe sign."

"Yes," said Fanny. "If you want, Miz Williams, not mine. You want me tear it down, I'm willin'."

She departed, and Mrs. Williams continued to sew. The days were growing short, and at five o'clock she was obliged to put the work aside, as her eyes did not permit her to continue it by artificial light. Descending to the lower floor, she found the house silent, and when she opened the front door to see if the evening paper had come, she beheld Sam, Penrod and Maurice Levy standing near the gate engaged in quiet conversation. Penrod and Maurice departed while she was looking for the paper, and Sam came thoughtfully up the walk.

"Well, Sam," she said, "it wasn't such a bad thing, after all, to show a little politeness to Georgie Bassett, was it?"

Sam gave her a noncommittal look—expression of every kind had been wiped from his countenance. He presented a blank surface.

"No'm," he said meekly.

"Everything was just a little pleasant because you'd been friendly, wasn't it?"

"Yes'm."

"Has Georgie gone home?"

"Yes'm."

"I hear you made enough noise in the cellar— Did Georgie have a good time?"

"Ma'am?"

"Did Georgie Bassett have a good time?"

"Well"—Sam now had the air of a person trying to remember details with absolute accuracy—"well, he didn't say he did, and he didn't say he didn't."

"Did he thank the boys?"

"No'm."

"Didn't he even thank you?"

"No'm."

"Why, that's queer," she said. "He's always so polite. He seemed to be having a good time, didn't he, Sam?"

"Ma'am?"

"Didn't Georgie seem to be enjoying himself?"

This question, apparently so simple, was not answered with promptness. Sam looked at his mother in a puzzled way, and then found it necessary to

gas, when being suspected, summoning her to the telephone.

It is pathetically true that Mrs. Williams went to the telephone humming a little song. She was detained at the instrument not more than five minutes, then she made a plunging return into the library, a blanched and stricken woman. She made strange, sinister gestures at her husband.

He sprang up, miserably prophetic.

"Mrs. Bassett?"

"Go to the telephone," Mrs. Williams said hoarsely. "She wants to talk to you, too. She can't talk much—she's hysterical. She says they lured Georgie into the cellar and had him beaten by negroes! That's not all—"

Mr. Williams was already on his way.

"You and Sam!" he commanded, over his shoulder.

Mrs. Williams stepped into the front hall.

"Sam!" she called, addressing the upper reaches of the stairway. "Sam!"

Not even echo answered.

"Sam!"

A faint clearing of somebody's throat was heard behind her, a sound so modest and unobtrusive it was no more than just audible, and, turning, the mother beheld her son sitting upon the floor in the shadow of the stairs and gazing meditatively at the wretched. His manner indicated that he wished to produce the impression that he had been sitting there, in this somewhat unusual place and occupation, for a considerable time, but without overhearing anything that went on in the library, so close by.

"Sam," she cried, "what have you done?"

"Well—I guess my legs are all right," he said, gently. "I got the arnica on, so probably they won't hurt any more."

"Stand up!" she said.

"Ma'am?"

"March into the library!"

Sam marched—slowly. In fact, no funeral march has been composed in a time so slow as to suit this march of Sam's. One might have suspected that he was in a state of apprehension.

"Well, he didn't exactly go in the cellar," said Sam reluctantly.

"Well, how did he get in the cellar, then?"

"He—he fell in," said Sam.

"How did he fall in?"

"Well, the door was open, and—well, he kept walking round there, and we hollered at him to keep away, but just then he kind of—well, the first I noticed was I couldn't see him, and so we went and looked down the steps, and he was sitting down there on the bottom step and kind of shouting, and—"

"See here!" Mr. Williams interrupted. "You're going to make a clean breast of this whole affair and take the consequences. You're going to tell it and tell it all. Do you understand that?"

"Yes, sir."

"Then tell me how Georgie Bassett fell down the cellar steps—and tell me quick!"

"He—he was blinded!"

"Aha! Now we're getting at it. You begin at the beginning and tell me just what you did to him from the time he got here. Understand?"

"Yes, sir."

"Go on, then!"

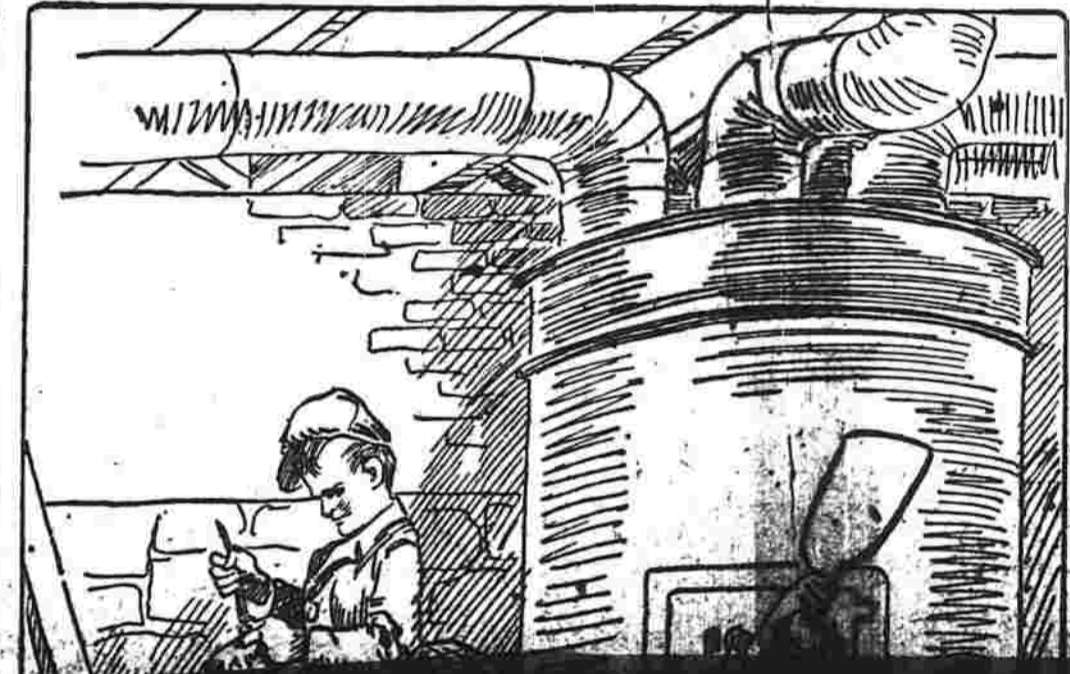
"Well, I'm going to," Sam protested. "We never hurt him at all. He wasn't even hurt when he fell down cellar. There's a lot of mud down there, because the cellar door leaks, and—"

"Sam!" Mr. Williams' tone was deadly. "Did you hear me tell you to begin at the beginning?"

Sam made an effort and was able to obey.

"Well, we had everything ready for the 'nshiation before lunch," he said.

"We wanted it all to be nice, because you said we had to have him, papa, and after lunch Penrod went to guard him—that's a new part in the ritual—and he brought him over, and we took him out to the shack and blinded him, and—well, he got kind of mad because we wanted him to lay down on his stummock and be tied up, and he said he wouldn't, because the door was a little bit wet in there and he could feel it sort of squishy under his shoes, and he said his mother didn't want him ever to get dirty, and he just wouldn't do it; and we all kept telling him he had to, or else how would there be any 'nshiation; and he kept getting madder, and said he wanted to have the 'nshiation outdoors where it wasn't wet, and he wasn't goin' to lay down on his stummock, anyway," Sam paused for wind, then got under way again: "Well, some of the boys were tryin' to get him to lay down on his stummock, and he kind of fell up against the door and it came open and he ran out in the yard. He was tryin' to get the blindfold off his eyes, but he couldn't, because it was a towel in a pretty hard knot; and he went tearin' all around the backyard, and we didn't chase him, or anything. All we did was just watch him—and that's when he fell in the cellar. Well, it



"Well, Then We Had the Ritual, and— and—Why, the Teeny Little Paddin' He Got Wouldn't Hurt a Flea!"

rub each of his shins in turn with the palm of his right hand.

"I stumbled," he said, apologetically. "I stumbled on the cellar steps."

"Did you hurt yourself?" she asked quickly.

"No'm; but I guess maybe I better rub some arnica—"

"I'll get it," she said. "Come up to your father's bathroom, Sam. Does it hurt much?"

"No'm," he answered truthfully, "it hardly hurts at all."

And having followed her to the bathroom, he insisted, with unusual gentleness, that he be left to apply the arnica to the alleged injuries himself. He was so persuasive that she yielded, and descended to the library, where she found her husband once more at home after his day's work.

"Well?" he said. "Did Georgie show up, and were they decent to him?"

"Oh, yes; it's all right. Sam and Penrod were good as gold. I saw them being actually cordial to him."

"That's well," said Mr. Williams, settling into a chair with his paper. "I was a little apprehensive, but I suppose I was mistaken. I walked home, and just now, as I passed Mrs. Bassett's, I saw Doctor Venny's car in front, and that barber from the corner shop on Second street was going in the door. I couldn't think what a widow would need a barber and a doctor for—especially at the same time. I couldn't think what Georgie'd need such a combination for, either, and then I got afraid that maybe—"

Mrs. Williams laughed. "Oh, no; it hasn't anything to do with his having been over there. I'm sure they were very nice to him."

"Well, I'm glad of that."

"Yes, indeed—" Mrs. Williams be-

lieved as he was down in the cellar anyway, we might as well have the rest of the 'nshiation down there. So we brought the things down and— and 'nshiated' him—and that's all. That's every bit we did to him."

"Yes," said Mr. Williams sardonically; "I see. What were the details of the initiation?"

"Sir?"

"I want to know what else you did to him? What was the initiation?"

"It's—it's secret," Sam murmured piteously.

"Not any longer, I assure you! The society is a thing of the past, and you'll find your friend Penrod's parents agree with me in that. Mrs. Bassett had already telephoned them when she called us up. You go on with your story!"

Sam sighed deeply, and yet it may have been a consolation to know that his present misery was not altogether without its counterpart. Through the falling dusk his spirit may have crossed the intervening distance to catch a glimpse of his friend suffering simultaneously and standing within the same peril. And if Sam's spirit did thus behold Penrod in jeopardy, it was a true vision.

"Go on!" said Mr. Williams.

"Well, there wasn't any fire in the furnace because it's too warm yet, and we weren't goin' to do anything'd hurt him, so we put him in there—"

"In the furnace?"

"It was cold," protested Sam.

"There hadn't been any fire there since last spring. Course we told him there was fire in it. We had to do that," he continued earnestly, "because that was part of the 'nshiation. We only kept him in it a little while and kind of hammered on the outside a little, and then we took him out and got him to lay down on his stummock, because he was all muddy anyway, where he fell down the cellar; and how could it matter to anybody that had any sense at all? Well, then we had the ritual, and—why, the teeny little paddlin' he got wouldn't hurt a flea! It was that little colored boy lives in the alley did it—he isn't anyway near half Georgie's size—but Georgie got mad and said he didn't want any ole nigger to paddle him. That's what he said, and it was his own foolishness, because Verman won't let anybody call him 'nigger, and he said 'Georgie was goin' to call him that, he ought to had sense enough not to do it when he was layin' down that way and Verman all ready to be the paddler. And he needn't of been so mad at the rest of us, either, because it took us about twenty minutes to get the paddle away from Verman after that, and we had to lock Verman up in the laundry room and not let him out till it was all over. Well, and then

things were kind of spoiled anyway, so we didn't do but just a little more—and that's all."

"Go on! What was the 'just a little more'?"

"Well—we got him to swallow a little teeny bit of saffron that Penrod

ushed to have to wear in a bag around his neck. It wasn't enough to even make a person sneeze—it wasn't much more'n a half a spoonful—it wasn't hardly a quarter of a spoon—"

"Ha!" said Mr. Williams. "That accounts for the doctor. What else?"

"Well—we—we had some paint left over from our flag, and we put a little teeny bit of it on his hair and—"

"Ha!" said Mr. Williams. "That accounts for the barber. What else?"

"That's all," said Sam, swallowing. "Then he got mad and went home."

Mr. Williams walked to the door, and sternly motioned to the culprit to precede him through it. But just before the pair passed from her sight, Mrs. Williams gave way to an uncontrollable impulse.

"Sam," she asked, "what does 'In-Or-In' stand for?"

The unfortunate boy had begun to smile.

"It—it means—Innapent Order of Infadely," he moaned—and plodded onward to his doom.

Not his alone: at that very moment Master Roderick Magsworth Blitts, Jr., was suffering also, consequent upon telephoning on the part of Mrs. Bassett, though Roderick's punishment was administered less on the ground of Georgie's troubles and more on that of Roddy's having affiliated with an order consisting so largely of Herman and Verman. As for Maurice Levy, he was no whit less unhappy. He fared as ill.

Simultaneously, two ex-members of the In-or-In were finding their lot fortunate. Something had prompted them to linger in the alley in the vicinity of the shack, and it was to this fated edifice that Mr. Williams, with demonic justice, brought Sam for the deed he had in mind.

Herman and Verman listened—awestricken—to what went on within the shack. Then, before it was over, they crept away and down the alley toward their own home. This was directly across the alley from the Schoenfelds' stable, and they were horrified at the sounds which issued from the interior of the stable steroom. It was the St. Bartholomew's Eve of that neighborhood.

"Man, man!" said Herman, shaking his head. "Glad I ain' no white boy!" Verman seemed gloomily to assent.

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2 Horses, Farming Tools, Household Furniture, One Paige Touring Car, Horses weighing 1,100 and 1,300 pounds, 2 heifers, 2 yearlings, 2 wheel harrows, cultivators, plows, 10 barrels manure, mowing machine, blocks and falls, ice plow and tools, step ladder, blankets, top carriage, steel tire top concord, nearly new, business wagon, single farm wagon, nearly new, grindstone, Acme harrow, milk cans, hay cutter, oak tank, dining set, rocking and morris chairs, sideboard, china closet, library table, desk chair, couch, stands, iron bedstead, sewing machine, dresser, chiffonier, mattresses, bedroom set and various other articles too numerous to mention.

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Copy of section No. 4 contained in circular mailed to tobacco growers by the State Council of Defence— "Nothing in the foregoing instructions impose any restrictions whatsoever upon the making of contracts for increase in acreage of stock or cut tobacco where the increase of any grower does not exceed five acres. Any grower who desires to make a greater increase in stock or cut tobacco should first apply to the Council for its approval."

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### MERCHANTS TO CONGRATULATE TO EASE P. O. CONGESTION

Washington Asks Manchester's Business Men to Send Out Mail Early in Day.

As a result of a request made by the Post Office department at Washington and addressed to the local business men it is likely that the local post offices will be relieved of a great deal of congestion. The war has affected the post office department greatly and delayed mails are causing the officials trouble and worry. Co-operation among the business men is looked for.

Quish Writes.  
Postmaster Quish was requested to be present and work out a plan with the Chamber of Commerce at the March meeting last night but because of a previous engagement could not be present. He sent a letter to the Chamber, however, telling of the dispatching of mails from the local post office. The post office department at Washington requests that all mail be posted as early in the day as possible. It also requests that mail be posted as frequently as feasible. This will help greatly to relieve the strain at the offices. The Chamber voted to approve the plan and suggests that all business men co-operate and send mail as often as possible and early in the day.

Our Home Gardens.  
W. H. Card chairman of the Home Gardens committee was present to make his report. 375 lots are already promised to prospective gardeners. There are 227 other applicants for lots and these only two days after notices went out and 500 more lots are needed. Any persons who have land not in use should confer with the committee and let them use the land for gardens. All arrangements have been made for ploughing and harrowing the fields. From 25 to 30 tons of sheep manure has been purchased to fertilize the plots. It is expected that there will be 1,000 applications for lots. It is planned to start ploughing the plots April 15. A machine spreader will be used to spread the manure. In the fall an exhibition of the produce is being planned. The committee is aiming to make all this work self supporting.

Letter From State C. of C.  
A communication was received from the general secretary of the state chamber asking that delegates sent to the national convention of

**EASTER SUITS AT \$18.98**  
A very attractive group of Tailored Suits at this moderate price—including Suits of all wool poplin, in the new snug fitting back model with ripple effect below belt. Equal to Suits sold elsewhere at \$22.50.

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**EASTER SUITS AT \$32.50**  
Suits of distinctiveness and charm. One exclusive model is of all wool poplin, with plain tailored back, with ripple below belt, finishing in points at front. Skirt has slight fullness with all around belt. Equal to Suits sold elsewhere at \$37.50.

**EASTER SUITS AT \$15.98**  
One of the several new styles at this price is a Coat of khaki color featuring the popular military lines with inverted plait back, roll collar, four patch pockets and snug-fitting all around belt. Equal to Coats sold elsewhere at \$18.50.

**EASTER COATS AT \$22.50**  
Handsome Wool Velour Coats in the most popular colors. One is a full back model, gathered under a wide belt, roll revers collar with rows of stitching, trimmed with smoke pearl buttons. Equal to Coats sold elsewhere at \$25.00.

**EASTER COATS AT \$29.00**  
Dressy Coats in many different styles. One is of wool velour with collar and over-collar of plaid khaki kool, high waisted effects in back with box plaited flare below belt. Equal to Coats sold elsewhere at \$32.50.

**EASTER DRESSES AT \$18.98**  
One model is of Striped Taffeta in the new coatee effect with very full skirt with two ruffles on each hip, Georgette crepe sleeves and collar. Shown in the new spring colors. Equal to Dresses sold elsewhere at \$22.50.

**EASTER DRESSES AT \$22.50**  
Handsome Dresses of Taffeta, Satin and Mesaline with combinations of Georgette and embroideries—including charming new surprise coatee effects in the most popular shades. Equal to dresses sold elsewhere at \$25.00.

**Stylish Afternoon and Dinner Gowns of Charmeuse, Crepe Meteor, Georgette, or Taffeta Are \$30.00**  
One handsome model is of georgette lined throughout with silk and handsomely embroidered with contrasting silks. This gown has a soft full blouse with revers effect and hand hemstitching, full kimona sleeves, extremely full skirt with two rows of tucks and draped sides. Pastel shades, such as pearl gray, flesh, turquoise, tan and white. Equal to dresses sold elsewhere at \$35.00.

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Girls' White Dresses for Easter, dainty new arrivals, net and lawn, lace trimmed with fine tucks and insertions and touches of flowers and ribbons, sizes 6 to 14 years, at \$2.39 up to \$19.98.

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A smart afternoon gown of charmeuse has a straight line coatee waist, an inset vest embroidered with silk and gold thread. The skirt has a tunic with a long side in soft draped lines. Shown in open, wisteria, navy, gray and black.

A Good Looking Stylish Stout Coat in Sizes From 45 to 53 \$22.50  
This coat is of all wool poplin with a snug fitted back and wide pleats below waistline, forming a full flare. A large collar is trimmed with bands of satin in contrasting color and finishes in wide revers at front. Tailored pockets trimmed with buttons and a half-around belt complete this long line coat. Shown in gray, tan, open Pekin, navy and black.

Modish Suit of All Wool Poplin in Sizes 42 1-2 to 54 1-2 \$32.50  
This suit has a snug fitted back with a panel effect below the long waistline. A large collar and over-collars of tulle silk finishes in a roll revers at front. This coat is belted below sides, has tailored inset pockets and is lined throughout with self-colored charmeuse. A strictly tailored skirt has extra flare at bottom and is gathered under a two-piece belt at back.

## THE WAR CORNER

News From Manchester Men Who Are Serving Uncle Sam on Land and Sea

THE EVENING HERALD, eager to gather every bit of news of our soldier boys, wherever they may be, invites its readers to contribute personals, portions of letters, and any information about them they may possess. Such portions of letters as are personal or which may give information to the enemy, will, of course, not be published.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McCann have received the following letter from their son, Corporal John McCann:

Dear People,  
I now sit down to answer your two letters and one from sister Ann, which I received yesterday. Was glad to see that every one is well, as this leaves me fine at present, only I thought I had too many fingers and cut the top off of them, but it will be all right before the war is over so don't worry as it will heal in time.

Well, I may say I never saw such nice weather for this time of the year. The people are starting to plant and get ready for spring. All we wear now is our coats and some days we could go without them and I for one 'am glad the cold is over.

I am surprised to hear that you have such cold weather but keep Anna for carrying water; it will make her strong and good looking, like me. Well, mother, I received your box and Anna's today and I thank you very much for them as they were fine. The chocolates were the first I had in a long time. You must think my teeth are very dirty or is one of the brushes meant for a hair brush? I have soap enough to wash all the boys in the company. I also received a box from a girl in Hartford I met while on guard at the railroad and it had a cake, cigar holder, pins and chocolate bars and hair light. I think she was very nice as I only met her a few times. She received one of my letters yesterday morning and she said it

around here are rather low just at present. My heart and palate thank you very much.

The Manchester boys received the surprise of their lives today. Along about three p. m., a short, stocky man, almost concealed under a "tin derby" (steel helmet), and a gas mask flapping at his side, came walking in. He was dressed in the uniform of a Y. M. C. A. man. He was none other than Dr. Hesselgrave. You can't imagine how delighted we were to see him. All the Manchester boys were called together and the Doctor gave us news of Manchester. I tell you, it seemed almost as good as being home. He told us of the work you people are doing for us. I certainly am glad I came from Manchester and the other boys feel the same. Dr. Hesselgrave said he was going to be a father to us all over here and we accepted him on the spot. I've heard people talk about their fore-fathers, but I never saw the need of so many. The boys in "G" now have two fathers and I guess we can use them both. I don't see how the people in Manchester could spare him, but let me tell you right now, we won't let him go so if his term of leave expires before the war ends we are going to keep him right here. The Doctor has a hard job before him for there are a lot of boys scattered throughout the regiment and they are miles apart. For instance, it required a six mile hike for the Doctor to come and see us—and it was all up and down hills.

We are following with interest the "Smoke Fund". To those men in Manchester who don't smoke or are averse to smoking, you can tell them that smoking over here is almost a necessity. When the cooks burn the stew or you are muddy and wet after a long day's grind, if a fellow has a little "P. A." to cram in his "fimmy pipe" or can get a "drag" or two from a camel cigarette, the burned stew will seem like steak and the long wet and muddy hike will seem like a stroll down the gay white way of Manchester. That's what the Smoke Fund will do for us. Anybody who is working for, or is contributing to this fund is doing the work of the "good Samaritan."

This letter not only expresses my appreciation of the countless things that Manchester people are doing for the boys, but also the heartfelt thanks of every man over here from

the good old town, whether in Company G or any other company. "For all one band are we."

The boys are all well and happy and they are going to be more so when "my lady No. 1" arrives.

I trust you people are all to the merry in spite of the shortage of coal and sugar. The boys wish to be remembered to all and hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,  
Edgar.

The following letter was received by Mrs. Emma Teggert of 123 Wells street from her brother, Private Clarence Wetherell of Company G:

Dear Emma:  
Received two letters from you a week or more ago but I did not have a chance to answer. I also got a cablegram from Dad a couple of weeks ago. We are not in or near a place where I could answer it. Tell him I have taken out \$10,000 insurance and I pay something like \$6.50 a month, which I don't miss very much. I have taken out an allotment, too, starting January. First month \$10 and after that \$15 each month. Oh, yes, and I have a Liberty Bond too.

I received the socks and wristlets all right. Tell Joe Teggert that I have had a few letters from him.

I have seen some of the ruins where a whole town was battered to pieces, not even a house was spared. The Germans don't care what they do; churches and all are treated the same; even cemeteries are blown to pieces. War is what Sherman said it was, "Hell."

I forgot to tell you that Jennie Crockett sent me a helmet.

Well, how is everybody at home? I suppose the old town is pretty well thinned out now. I guess this will be all for a while. I will try and write more and often than I have. Anyway there is nothing to tell. They won't let us tell anything of our doings.

The only thing we can't get over here is American cigarettes. French tobacco is strong enough to knock you over.

Don't forget to give my love to all.

Your brother,  
Clarence.

Private Clarence Wetherell of Headquarters Company G, 1st Infantry, writes the following letter

to Joseph Chambers. He doesn't dare tell just where he is but says he never saw such a place for Heralds; adding that there are more Heralds at the front than any paper in the state.

Dear Joe:  
Just a few lines to let you know that I am still living and in the best of health. Hoping the same from you. And many thanks for the carton of Lucky Strike. Believe me smokes are about the only thing a soldier needs out here. I will never forget the first two weeks we were here. I saw one half a bag of Bull Durham and a fellow from Manchester paid four francs and fifty centimes in French money or ninety cents in American money. That is how hard up we were for smokes. And we would get a puff or two out of one butt. The French soldiers are struck on our American tobacco. Their tobacco is about twice as strong as our level head tobacco.

Say have you got Ed Quish's address? I heard he joined the navy. I would like to drop him a line. And, tell my mother I was asking for her and I am, feeling fine. That is if it is not too much bother. I will thank you very much for your trouble.

Well, I never saw a place like this for Heralds; everywhere you look you either see some one reading them or see them laying on the tables waiting for some one to read them over. I look one over about three different times and see something different every time. There is more Manchester Heralds read at the front than any other paper in the state.

The weather here is pretty good at present. We never saw much snow out here. There were a few snow storms out here but it never stayed on the ground long.

Too bad I can't let you know a little more about our whereabouts. I would be glad to let you know. But I suppose you know we are "Somewhere in France," and everybody is feeling fine. Will close with best regards from

Private Charles Hoffner.

Last January, Ellis Callis met George E. Ferris of the Herald staff on the street and handed him 30 cents, saying, "Here, send The Herald to one of the boys; I don't care to whom you send it." The paper was sent to Armand Donze of Company G, and a letter, explaining how

the paper came to be sent, also was forwarded to Donze.

Yesterday, Mr. Ferris received the following letter from Donze:

February 22, 1918.

Hello George,  
I have just received your letter of January 30, this afternoon and I am very pleased to hear from you as it makes me think of happy days.

Well, George, about sending me The Herald, I am very grateful to you for thinking about me and if you will tell E. Callis that I thank him very much, I will be the more grateful to you. I always liked to get The Herald as it has a lot of news from home and it makes a fellow feel cheerful especially while he's in the trenches like I am. I suppose it is news to you that we are in the trenches, but we are and I am very glad, too, as I would like to get a good shot at those Boches, even if it costs me my life. But, if a soldier wants to succeed in any way he must look on the bright side of everything.

Well, George, you know Captain Bissell? Well, he is acting Major now and I think he will be a Major in a very short time. I am his orderly and interpreter. You know I speak French very well.

In the trenches here, I am learning fast to be a first class cook, as the French officers have a special cook and I suppose you know how the French cook. Well, I am learning the same way.

It is quite a place here; very quiet except when the artillery gets mad once in a while and shells come flying all around and chases us in our dugouts for safety.

As soon as you light a match or flash an electric light or smoke, a few big shells come flying over your way and you can bet your life that the fellows put the light out pretty quickly.

Well, George, seeing I have nothing more to say at present I will close with my best regards. Hoping to hear from you again, I am,

Your friend,  
Armand Donze.

who will be willing to attend the convention.

Arthur Manning spoke of the work of the Hartford County League Farm Bureau and the work it is accomplishing. This is an organization with the sole purpose of aiding the farmer. It needs the support of every loyal citizen. Manchester's quota is three hundred members and Mr. Manning urged that every business man join and get someone else to join. The annual dues of membership are one dollar.

C. E. House gave a report of the recent meeting of the State Chamber which was held in Hartford.

### ELECT OFFICERS.

Alexander Shields Chosen as President—Directors Named.

The Orange Hall Corporation held its annual meeting in Orange hall recently. All the reports of committees showed that the corporation had a prosperous year. Although the cost of maintenance of the corporation was much heavier than in previous years, the corporation was able to pay all bills and leave a balance on hand for the new board of directors for the year 1918. During the year the corporation answered the appeals of the government in subscribing for Liberty Bonds, and they expect to continue to do so during the present year.

The following five members were elected to the board of directors for a term of three years: Henry Trotter, Thomas W. Tedford, James Neil, Henry Tedford, and Francis McGowan.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the board, with the newly elected members, met and elected the following officers for the year 1918: President, Alexander Shields, Vice President, Henry Trotter, Secretary, Robert Marcott, Treasurer, George Tomlinson.

### EVERY PERSON IN THIS TOWN HAS A BANKROLL.

St. Clairsville, Ohio, March 25.—This town is priding itself as being one of the richest of its size in the United States. With a population of only 1,500, made up mostly of farmers and coal miners, its three banks recently had cash deposits amounting to \$3,700,000. The per capita cash wealth of every man, woman and child in the town is \$2,466.67.

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Brown Linens of the "Old Bleach" make offered in all widths.

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24 inch priced . . . 75c. yard  
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45 inch priced \$1.39 yard  
54 inch priced \$1.75 yard  
72 inch priced \$2.25 yard

Linens Scarfs in all sizes of the famous "Old Bleach" make with choice of white, cream and dark ecru are priced very moderately.

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# ABOUT TOWN

**TONIGHT IN MANCHESTER.**  
Ladies' Auxillary, A. O. H., Foresters' hall.  
Manchester Lodge, A. F. and A. M., Odd Fellows' hall.  
Court Nutmeg, F. of A., K. of P. hall.

Park Theater, "The Learnin' of Jim Benton."  
Circle Theater, "Babes in the Woods."

**Lighting Up Time.**  
Auto lamps should be lighted at 6.38 p. m.  
The sun rose at 5.46 a. m.  
The sun sets at 6.08 p. m.

Miss Emma Johnson, of Spruce street is ill with the grip.  
Mrs. Jennie I. Beebe of Maple street is suffering from an attack of the grip.

The Ladies' Auxillary, A. O. H., will meet in Foresters' hall at 7.45 o'clock this evening.

The Girls' Friendly society will not meet at the Red Cross room this week because of its being Holy week.

Leon Ames, who owns the lunch wagon in the south end, had his hand severely cut last night when a bottle of soda exploded in his hand. Dr. Weldon dressed the injury.

At the meeting of the Manchester Medical Society last evening Dr. Thomas Keating, lately returned from China, was the guest of honor. He spoke on his work in the Orient.

The operations performed on Leo Fay and Charles Barrett, two local young men, were successfully performed yesterday at St. Francis hospital. Both men will be home by Easter.

The acting pastor and the various officers and committees of the Center church had supper together last night in the parlors of the church and spent the evening in discussing plans for church work.

Robert McKinney, of Bissell St., who has been working as a carpenter at the New London submarine base, has enlisted in the Irish Aviation Construction Unit and is now waiting his call into service in Ireland.  
The local Women's Com...

...meeting will adjourn in time to hear Miss Ruutz Reese speak at four o'clock.

The response of Manchester folks to the appeal for old clothes for the Belgians has been generous. The town has exceeded its quota, as usual. On Saturday the trucks will go around for the last time so if you have been missed call up the War Bureau tomorrow at the latest.

Henry Mutrie, of Bissell street, who enlisted as a first class carpenter in the Naval Reserves about a week ago, left yesterday for Brooklyn, N. Y. From there, he expected to be transferred to Philadelphia and later he will go across with the Irish Aviation Construction Unit to Ireland.

The special committee from the War Bureau, which is to assist the boys of the 301st Machine Gun Battalion in the arrangements for the entertainment and dance to be held here April 6, has sent invitations to the proper officials in other towns of the Fourth district, asking them to attend a meeting in East Hartford, Thursday evening, when final plans for the event will be made.

Mrs. R. G. Campbell, who has lived at Oakland for the last 18 years, during most of which time her husband was superintendent of American Writing Paper Company's mills, will move to Hartford next month, she and her daughter, Margaret, having taken an apartment on Oxford street. The Oakland house will be occupied by the new superintendent of the mills, E. J. Fringellis, from Holyoke.

## WAR BUREAU NEWS

Buttons are now on hand for all men who enrolled as shipyard volunteers and may be obtained by calling at the War Bureau.

Persons who have relatives or friends in the service whose names do not now appear on the Honor Roll, or whose addresses have been changed, are requested to notify the War Bureau, in order that the Honor Roll may be as correct and complete as possible.

Up to ten o'clock this morning 240 applications for home garden plots have been received at the War Bureau. These applications may be filed out by anyone desiring a garden plot this year, regardless of whether



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## ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS

There is a large number of houses and business blocks in town that were built several years ago that are worth today nearly twice the price they cost to build. The price of building has increased some each year—so has the price of groceries, meats, clothing, shoes, etc.

Are you one of the property owners that could replace your building for what it is insured for? If you are not look up your fire insurance and compare it with what your building is worth today and figure what your loss would be if the building should accidentally burn down. If your house is insured for \$2,500 and it is worth \$4,500 the extra \$2,000 insurance will cost but ONE CENT a day and you would be on the safe side. Furniture and other goods are in the same class with buildings, and should be insured for what they are worth.

I represent some of the largest and best fire insurance companies and give the insurance business my personal attention. If you cannot call at my office telephone or write and I will be pleased to call and see you and talk insurance.

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