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# BRITISH GENERAL SAYS GERMANS LIE ABOUT MILITARY OPERATIONS

BY LOWELL MELLETT  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
London, May 25.—(By Mail)—Maj. Gen. Maurice, director of military operations for the British army, a few days ago answered the question that has been bothering American correspondents for many months. The question was: "Who's lying now?" His answer, given emphatically, was: "The Germans!" However, it wasn't all as simple as that. The correspondents didn't ask

the question out loud. They just looked it. They looked it hard enough to get it across, for right in the midst of an interpretation of recent events on the west front, the General suddenly stopped and smiled and said: "Perhaps I'd better explain something about communiques. For a long time there was a general impression that the German communiques were more reliable than our own—" The correspondents couldn't help nodding assent to this. They knew, too, what American editors have thought on the subject. The General

smiled again and went on—"Well, that impression was more or less correct."

The correspondents opened their several mouths and popped their several pairs of eyes. This was painful frankness.

"Here's a general rule: The dispatches of a winning army commander are usually more to be relied on than the dispatches of a losing commander. This is true even if they are equally honorable men."

"Suppose we lose a village in the midst of a hard day's fighting. Does the British officer directing the fight at that particular point immediately wire the fact? No. He says, 'Well, they've got it now; but we'll get it back before this day's work is done. There'll be time enough to report it then.' But the German commander's very first action is to shoot along the news to headquarters that he has captured that village. I know that to be true, because it is exactly what the British officer would do if he were in the German's place."

"And in the same way when the German officer loses a village he holds up the report—sometimes more than a day—in the hope of winning it back before reporting. There's a certain amount of human nature in the army, you'll observe."

"So the communique of the advancing army is the more reliable in that respect. Then there's the matter of prisoners taken. The advancing army sends its prisoners back of the lines to the detention cages as fast as they are taken and they are counted as fast as they reach the cages. The losing army commander, driven out of his own ground, doesn't know what proportion of his missing are killed, living wounded on the field, taken prisoners or isolated for the time being."

"These two facts, taken together with the fact that a defeated army is always more disorganized than a winning army, explain a large part, why the communique of the advancing army is likely to be the more accurate."

"The period in which the German communique got its reputation for accuracy was the period when the German army was advancing on almost all fronts. That period is long past. The accuracy tables have been reversed."

One correspondent suggested that the general rule described scarcely covered the recent wide disparity of German and British statements.

"No," said the General, "for the first time—and I think it is rather significant of the way the war is going—German headquarters has been compelled to fall back on plain lying. Their communiques read more and more like fiction. They have one simple plan for most of them. They begin with attributing to the British and French armies a purpose, which isn't our purpose, and then show that we've failed to achieve it. 'A British effort to break through our line at such-and-such-a-place failed.' That sounds familiar, doesn't it? Well the fact would be that we had not sought to break through their line at that point, that we had a definite, limited objective—and that we gained it. That has been the case, time and again this spring."

"And then, too, there have been interesting descriptions in the German communiques, of battles that never have taken place. I have no hesitation in saying German headquarters has embarked on a campaign of lying. Its purpose may be to keep the German people fooled, or there may be another reason. The German high command only knows."

### A TRIP TO CALIFORNIA.

Cove, Oregon, July 5.—(To the Editor of the Observer.)—As I have been requested to give a little write-up of my trip I will try to do so.

On May the seventh I started for California. I went the Salt Lake route; left La Grande at 11 a. m. I changed cars at Pocatello; on the 8th I arrived in Salt Lake at 10:30 a. m. While waiting for my train I went up to the Mormon Temple to a recital; it was fine. At 1 p. m. I took the train for Los Angeles and on the 9th I arrived in Los Angeles at 2:30 p. m. My daughter, Mrs. C. D. Brothers met me there. We took a street car and went to San Pedro where she lives. Mr. Brothers met us; he and my two granddaughters. We had an enjoyable time. While there I visited Mount Fernon; the soldiers have a fort out there. I went to see one of our war boats, the Shian; they wouldn't let visitors closer than 15 feet. I guess some of our readers have read about one of our boats going down. One morning the Governor ran into the McCulloch and the McCulloch sank. There were 200 sailors and soldiers on the McCulloch. One man was killed. That evening about 7:30 the Governor pulled in. I was down at the park. She came in very slowly; it was interesting to see the little flat boats meet her out near break-water and take the sailors and soldiers that were on the McCulloch to the big warehouse.

While in California I visited Los Angeles, Long Beach, Pasadena. I visited Bush's Garden, the most beautiful place I ever saw. I couldn't hardly believe my eyes. I drank water out of the garden. I also saw where the movie "Intolerance" was made. From San Pedro I went to Santa Anna to visit my daughter and son-in-law, Mr. C. A. Orton. Santa Anna is the nicest, cleanest little town I ever saw. It is a town of 16,000 in-

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habitants. While there I visited Seal Beach, Laguna Beach, Lemon Heights, Hewes Park. While out there I picked some oranges and lemons, to just say I had picked them. They have a fine crop of fruit this year; it is beautiful out in the fruit district. I enjoyed my trip ver much.

Thank you Mr. Editor for being interested enough to ask for a write-up. MRS. L. K. ROBINSON.

### THE WHAT-YOU-MAY COLUMN

#### Peanuts.

BY "GM"  
The peanut is the tramp of the nut family. It gets into little wagons on street corners and whistles for the crossing all day long. It travels with circuses, hibernates in the secret reaches of country grocery stores, finds its way into salads on the old home table. It is a restless, wandering, ne'er-do-well that roams the world over looking for somebody to eat it. You'd never catch a walnut doing that.

#### OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

##### Your Child's Teeth.

While the first and second teeth are forming the child's diet should be carefully balanced to include proper quantities of the bone-building elements, calcium, potassium, sodium, phosphorus and iron. These are contained in fruits, whole grains, milk, eggs, green vegetables. The old theory that food is merely something to satisfy hunger, and that children given plenty of white bread and butter with jam and cakes, will grow up healthy and active, has exploded. These are energy and fat-producing foods, not builders of bone and muscle. As soon as the first teeth appear they should be brushed, after each feeding, with a soft brush and cold water; later a few drops of pure hydrogen may be added to the water. It is quite necessary to keep these first teeth clean for health as well as because the shape and evenness of the second teeth depend largely upon this care.

##### Badly Developed Arches.

Badly developed arches, protruding upper teeth and undeveloped lower jaws are caused by such habits as sucking a pacifier, a teething ring, or a baby's thumb, and the careful mother will watch to avoid these obstacles to the healthy development of her child's teeth and jaws. Mouth-breathing is another frequent cause of the undeveloped lower jaw, and this should be watched for most carefully until the child's second teeth are well developed. Adenoids, the stoppage of nasal passages, and a number of causes sometimes difficult to locate, may be the reason for this mouth-breathing, and it should be carefully investigated by the family physician.—Lewis B. Allyn, in Ladies' World.

##### Dust Will Collect.

No matter how careless your husband or brother is, there is one thing that they are apt to be careful of, and that is their neckties. They will actually take the trouble to string them on one of the many wooden or metal tie racks if one is placed conveniently near the bureau or chiffonier. The trouble that most women

have to find with such racks is that they allow the tie to collect dust, and present an untidy appearance to the room.

#### To Protect the Ties.

Here is an idea that both the man and his tidy women folks will appreciate. It is a small wooden tie rack, with a linen cover, which folds over the hanging ties and snaps into place. Any one can make one of these affairs, and can add embroidery or stenciling of a monogram to the cover, too, if she desires. Don't make it too hard to adjust, or you will find the lucky man railing against it rather than blessing it.

#### The Latest Things in Bridal Veils.

In the June Woman's Home Companion Grace Margaret Gould says: "The Russian style in bridal veils is the latest for the bride who wants to look taller. Fired lace above a bandeau of pearls is topped with plaited tulle. From under the bandeau floats off the veil! "For the youthful bride, the wedding veil may hang from a big, fluffy tulle bow at the back of her head. Instead of a bandeau of pearls, she wears a braided bandeau of tulle and orange blossoms.

"The bride who loves things artistic will welcome the Moyaen Age veil. It is draped over the head, falling in front to the knees. A place is cut for the face to peep out, which is outlined with fine pearls. The bandeau is silver ribbon or satin; the veil, tulle or silk Brussels net."

#### ENGLAND'S COAL CONTROL- LER PLANS FOR WINTER

London, June 22.—(By Mail)—(United Press)—Having passed through the third winter of the war without a serious coal shortage, England is today preparing for the coal season of 1917-18.

The coal controller is planning an elaborate organization for dealing with the country's supply, the question of labor, and of public economy.

More than a quarter of a million miners enlisted in the army during the first two years and a half. Approximately a million were engaged before the war. As a result the mining industry was seriously weakened, and the output of coal greatly diminished.

National service will probably be extended to cover this field of operations during the summer and fall, but the controller is going much deeper into the question of supply and demand. He is tracing the consignments of coal from the pits to their consumers, ascertaining how far the fuel has to be transported, and how it is taken from the various collieries to the various consumers.

Further public economy in the matter of fuel will be strongly urged on the public before next winter, the controller announced, and it may even be necessary to introduce compulsory measures.

#### Wants to Fight for U. S.

Spokane, Wash., July 5.—(Special)—Hery W. F. Homyer, round-faced native of Germany, is willing to fight against his own kin.

He registered under the selective service act and did not claim exemption. He has taken out his first citizenship papers and maintains he is an American first, a German second. Yet, Homyer today is registered as an alien enemy at the courthouse here and carried a permit so that he may go within the barred zone which has been created around armories, forts and other federal reservations. Homyer's case is one of dozens in which Spokane Germans have been forced to get these federal permits although their loyalty is unquestioned.

Such is the law and they submit practically without complaint.

#### What Can Be Done in One Day.

"Every day is such a usual occurrence that its true significance does not come home to us," says a writer in the June Woman's Home Companion. "We get so used to our days that we are blind to their universal possibilities."

"In the beginning one-sixth of the whole world was made in a day, yet how many of us feel that we can do one-sixth, or even one-hundredth, of all the things we ought to do in one day."

"Within one day the battle of Waterloo and the battle of the Marne were both won. There was a day when you were born and a day when you will die. How about all the days between? A man can change the fortune of his entire life in one day."

#### Sues for Divorce.

Portland, Ore., July 5.—(United Press)—Friend husband drove her from home by pretending he was insane, and refused her admission to her own house when she tried to return, according to the complaint of Mary E. Rowe on file here today against Rutherford Rowe. She asks for a decree and alimony.

### Announcements

#### Notice to Public.

Notice is hereby given that John E. Anderson has assigned his interest title and claim to the Leighton garage to R. W. Leighton the former owner. Mr. Anderson will pay all claims contracted by him while in charge of the Leighton garage. He will continue to hold the Maxwell agency and by agreement with Mr. Leighton will provide service to Maxwell owners. Mr. Leighton respectfully solicits the patronage of his former clients and the public in general.

R. W. LEIGHTON, JOHN E. ANDERSON.

—Adv. 6-23-17.

#### HONOR GUARD TONIGHT

Dr. H. M. Bouvy is to speak to the Honor Girls tonight at 7:15; other matters of importance are to come up.

#### RED CROSS FIRST AID CLASSES.

The first meeting of the Red Cross class in first aid will be held in the Neighborhood Club rooms, Friday evening at 7:45 o'clock. All those who have signed up for this first aid class are requested to be present and to be prompt. The lectures will be given by Dr. M. K. Hall. Those desiring further information may call the undersigned at Red 561.

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