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CLOTHES FOR BABIES

A new Red Cross activity, which is likely to appeal to women of the rural communities, is the making of outfits for new-born babies in France and Belgium. A committee of the Women's Bureau of the American Red Cross, which went to Europe to investigate civilian relief needs, made a report in which the supplying of such outfits was strongly urged. Leaflets explaining just what is needed in the way of garments and material may be obtained from Red Cross chapters. Owing to the rough methods that must be followed in washing clothes in the war countries, it is essential that the most durable materials be used in making garments for these baby outfits. While the making of the outfits will be carried on extensively in Red Cross chapter workrooms, the work is of a character which permits much of it to be done in homes; only it is necessary to follow the simple directions. The directions, moreover, will be of great help to women who desire practical suggestions for baby outfits which are intended for home use or for relief work in this country.

The sale of Red Cross Seals this year should trouble that of 1916. Throughout the nation the importance of tuberculosis work has been intensified because of the war. The United States must act promptly and efficiently or it will find itself handicapped and actually honeycombed with tuberculosis. France is stricken with the "white plague" to a far greater extent than with wounds inflicted upon the battlefield. The tuberculosis death rate in Berlin has increased more than 50 per cent. London is grappling desperately with the same problem. Far more Red Cross Seal money with which to fight tuberculosis in this country is needed this year than ever before. Will our community do its share?

On March 20, 1917, Lord Shaughnessy, president of the Canadian Pacific railway, thus described the condition in the dominion: "As many Canadians have been killed at home by tuberculosis since the war began as have been killed by the war itself. Yet it is an entirely preventable disease. If we stop its ravages, we shall more than make up for the ravages of war. If we stay in the rut and let this enemy go on killing people at home as fast as the German can kill at the front, the less we talk, the better."

Can any community afford to neglect its tuberculous and anemic children when it is within its power to establish preventoria and sanatoria for their care? Red Cross Seals provide 90 per cent of the financial basis for the educational side of the fight against tuberculosis, an important part of which is the establishments of children's hospitals.

Colonel House's report to the President would be good reading.

- A shaker by any other name would smell as bad.
- Long distance kissing will be the next invention.
- Trotsky may soon have to trotsky.
- Sugarless candy is the latest.

The Woman That Pays



by check instead of in currency escapes a lot of worry about money matters. She has an accurate record of where her money goes and a receipt for every penny she has paid out. Besides it's so much safer to have the cash in the bank than in the home. Our special department for women will be glad to give information.

La Grande National Bank

RIPLING RHYMES
 By Walt Mason

Eating Fish

The highbrow scientists explain that fish builds up the human brain, and that is what we're needing; the rains are punk beneath our hats, and in our bellies many bats forevermore are speeding. Economists are saying now that fish is better than a cow, it is the proper diet, if we would help the allies' cause, and make the gory Tenthon pause, in Europe's brutal riot. Come, let us fill ourselves with fish! It is the patriotic dish, and it will make us brainy; we'll grow so wise from eating trout we'll know too much to venture out when it is cold or rainy. Through all the brooks and ponds I search for catfish, suckers, cod and perch and other finny critters, and I am getting so blamed smart my cleverness would break your heart if you could hear my twitters. I feel my good old brain expand and gather force to beat the band, my intellect is sailing, my intellect that once was limp—and all this comes from eating shrimp and mackerel and grayling. And all the time, by eating fish, I'm doing what the allies wish, conserving swine and cattle; and as I chew a six-foot cod, within my glowing breast I feel I help to win a battle.



The women of Italy and France are making millions of ration heaters for the use of soldiers in the trenches and in the high Alps, where coal cannot be sent. They are made of old newspapers and paraffin, for which old candle ends are used. There are thousands of tons of old newspapers and millions of candle ends in this country that may be converted into fuel for the use of men at the front, or in camp, or to save kitching at home. The war is teaching us economy, and this lesson, once learned, will not be altogether forgotten.

It is so easy to make ration heaters that children do the work as successfully as anyone and enjoy doing it. The Italian National society gives the following directions for making them: "Spread out four newspapers, eight sheets in all, and begin rolling at the long end. Roll as tightly as possible, until the papers are half rolled, then fold back the first three sheets toward the rolled part and continue to wrap around the roll almost to the first fold, then fold back another three sheets and continue to wrap around the roll again up to the last margin of the paper. On this margin, consisting of two sheets, spread a little glue or paste and continue the rolling, so as to make a compact roll of paper almost like a torch. If six of the sheets are not turned under, there will be too many edges to glue.

While the newspapers may be cut along the line of the columns before rolling and the individual columns rolled separately, as is done in the making of the trench candles in France, it is easier to roll the whole newspaper into a long roll and then cut it into short lengths. A sharp curving knife, a pair of pruning shears, or an old fashioned boy cutter will cut the rolls easily. These little rolls must then be boiled for four minutes in enough paraffin to cover them, then taken out and cooled, when they are ready to be put in bags and sent to the front.

Julia Estlin

Novel Sleeve Treatment.
 Perhaps you have a sleeveless blouse—sleeveless blouses are quite the thing now, you know—but you would really like to have a bit more covering over your arms. Well, here's a suggestion that is every bit as fetching as it is practical. To the lower part of one armhole attach two pieces of ribbon about one-fourth of a yard in length and two or three inches in width; secure both ends in a flat bow to fall midway between the shoulder and elbow. This is a decidedly becoming way of relieving the unbecoming appearance of an utterly sleeveless gown.

Simple Coiffures for Girls.
 This season the girls are adhering to the simple mode of dressing their hair, simply arranged and very simply ornamented. A narrow ribbon or a bow or two usually suffices.

A plain arrangement shows a Grecian knot and narrow band of twisted ribbon, while short curls soften the high forehead line. This mode for evening wear is particularly becoming to a youthful face. It is more graceful than the severe styles sometimes adopted.

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE



SHUT UP, YOU HYPOCRITE!
 THE DISPLAY OF PATRIOTISM
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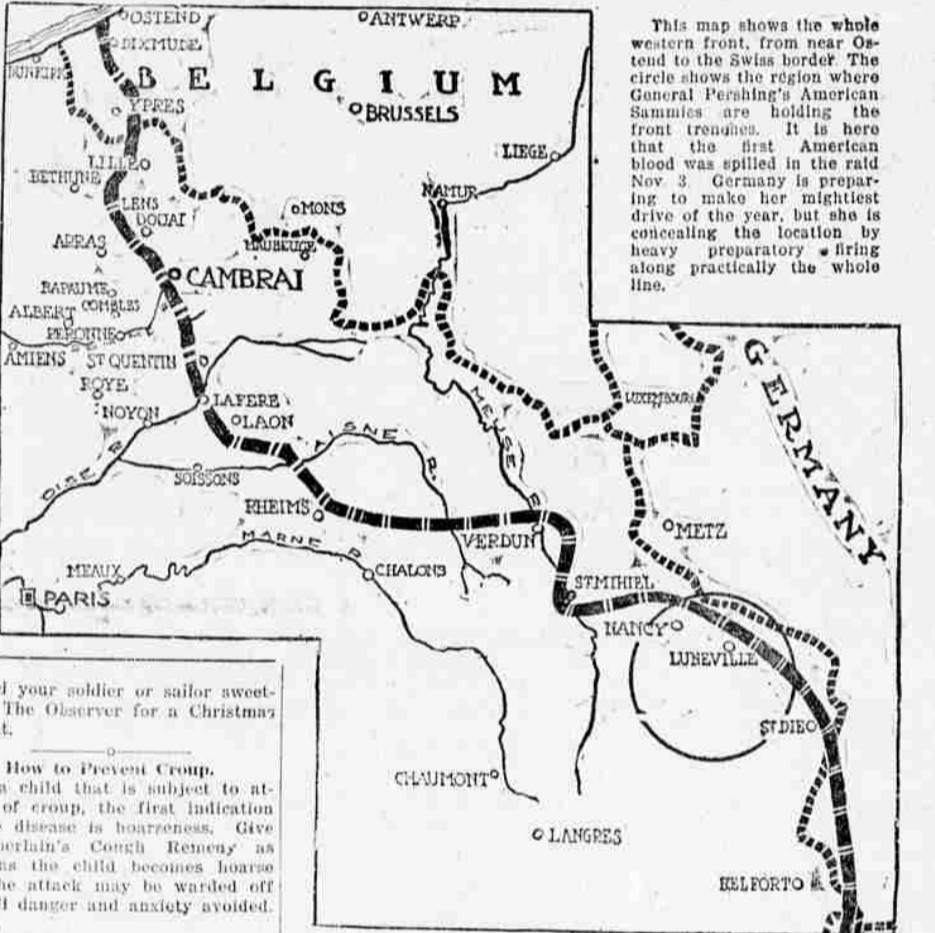
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WHERE WILL GERMANY STRIKE?



This map shows the whole western front, from near Ostend to the Swiss border. The circle shows the region where General Pershing's American Samnies are holding the front trenches. It is here that the first American blood was spilled in the raid Nov 3. Germany is preparing to make her mightiest drive of the year, but she is concealing the location by heavy preparatory firing along practically the whole line.

Send your soldier or sailor sweetheart The Observer for a Christmas present.

How to Prevent Croup.
 In a child that is subject to attacks of croup, the first indication of the disease is hoarseness. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse and the attack may be warded off and all danger and anxiety avoided.—adv.

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