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GERMAN CONVALESCENTS COMPELLED TO RETURN

By W. S. FORREST
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, Dec. 16.—(By Mail)—Evidence that the German military authorities are experiencing some difficulty in sending their convalescent troops back to the front is contained in the note book of a German soldier.

Explaining that his battalion, leaving Saarbrücken, (presumably the scene of a troop depot) for the front waited at the railroad station for reinforcements, he says:

"In the afternoon our men were ready. They awaited their comrades of the 19th company of convalescents who finally arrived. But what a spectacle! Ahead marched a squad of guards to the right and left of each rank marched two armed guards while another squad marched in the rear to guard our brave soldiers in field grey who, after that related by the newspapers in magnificent phrases, throw themselves full of joy to the destruction of our enemies, sustained by the love of the Fatherland!

"Our detachment is finally made ready. The music strikes a march and the column shakes itself. The guard are so numerous that there are two for every man. Isn't it a scandal that our children in field grey should be conducted to the war to fight and give their blood for the Fatherland, like criminals to the hangman, or, worse still, like cattle to the slaughter.

"It was not sufficient that these men from the announcement of their planned departure were prevented from entering the town by armed guards placed everywhere at a distance of five yards apart! No, it was necessary to submit them to the shame of marching to the station under guard."

The author of the above concludes with the expression of his strong opinion that German newspapers do not always tell the truth about all the fire eating German soldiers.

Operated On—L. L. Kiddy of this city was operated on this morning at the Grande Ronde hospital, for ear trouble.

Genuine Reductions

On Every Garment In Our Ready-to-Wear Department

Every Coat, Suit, Dress from our regular stock. Not a lot of garments bought for sale purposes, nor are they to be compared with the so-called "bargains" of others.

<p>Your Choice LADIES' AND MISSES' SUITS 1-2 Price Your Pick of Any Coat at a Reduction of 33 1-3% WOOL DRESSES—SILK DRESSES Afternoon Dresses, Evening Gowns, Reduced 25%</p>	<p>Silk Petticoats, all sizes and most all colors. Reduced 20 per Cent Entire Waist stock reduced..... 20 per Cent Silk and Wool Skirts reduced..... 25 per Cent Clearance prices on all Sweaters, Knit Goods. Worth while reductions on all House Dresses, Kimonos and Bathrobes. All Furs reduced 25 per Cent to Half Price.</p>
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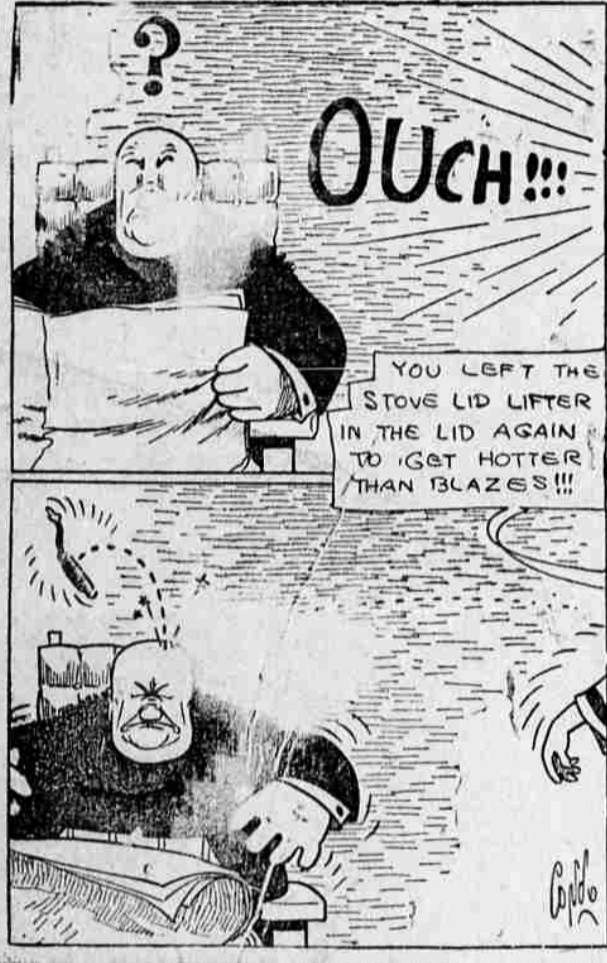
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Coats That Welcome the Cold



The tonic of the cold is to be thanked for much of our progress. North-erners, obliged to stand it for months, get the habit of industry and resourcefulness; they have learned how to clothe themselves, to defy the weather and even to enjoy it. Inasmuch as there are not enough furs in the market to put fur garments in the reach of everyone, and because the manufacture of fur clothing involves much time and work, which means that the looms have been weaving substitutes which give much warmth as the pure wool. Of course wool is our best defense in putting up with the blasts of winter.

The supreme achievements of the cold are voluminous coats of fur, or of cloth lined with fur, or of those are fur fabrics and woven to insure warmth. Coats of these and trimmed with big furs and generous cuffs of fur make their wearers rejoice in winter and the vigor that is its gift. It is a tonic only bitter to those who do not know how to keep comfortable, or have not the means to.

Illustrated above is a coat for the heart of winter. It might be developed in many of the flat furs and trim-

med with marten, but as pictured it is made of handsome seal plush. Its enveloping shawl collar broadens into a cape over the shoulders and back, and it has huge marten cuffs that may well answer the purpose of a muff. The wide band of marten about the bottom of the coat adds to its luxurious looks, more than to its actual warmth, serving a good purpose in both these directions. For one of the best of the comfortable midwinter coats, look its part.

A simple, straight hanging, con-venient design is to be recommended for the midwinter coat, whether of fur or of wool fabric. When the active northern woman dons a coat of this kind, she gets into it and expects to stay in it for three or four months, or until the stage of winter is raised. Such a coat is suitable for street, motor and other wear, and it is designed on lines of proved merit. Its service-able qualities are expected to outlast several winters, and its business is to be warm and convenient. This it accomplishes along with a style that does not point to other days.

Julia Bottomley

THE PEOPLE ARE SAVING

It has been pointed out as evidence of how strongly the duty of saving had been impressed upon the English people by the war-savings campaign in that country that in the year 1916, although purchasing billions of dollars of war bonds, the small savings-bank deposits in England increased their deposits in savings banks over \$60,000,000, this in face of the fact that the English have been noted as a spending rather than as a saving people.

It seems that a similar process has taken place in America. Two great Liberty Loans were floated in the year just closing, and nearly \$6,000,000,000 of Liberty Loan bonds were purchased by the people. Yet instead of being depleted, the savings-bank deposits of the country have been increased. The president of one of the large New York savings banks is quoted as saying:

"One of the most remarkable things about the Liberty Loan campaigns is the small effect they have had on the savings bank accounts, which show an increase. This we lay to the appeals made to the American people to purchase the bonds out of their earnings, paying for them from week to week or from month to month. The people appear to be doing as they have been urged, purchasing the bonds from current savings."

FORCED TO EAT HIS LIES

A man named Wahl lied about the Red Cross in Idaho. He said his wife knitted a pair of socks for the Red Cross, putting her name in the toe of one; later he said the socks were sold to a man in Alaska. For the statement he was haled before the Nez Perce, Idaho, Council of Defense, and he signed the following statement:

"For making statements whose tendency is to impede and obstruct the military preparations of the United States while at war and particularly to reflect upon the Red Cross, I make open and public apology, and I pledge my word of honor in the future to refrain from every act and utterance that might have the effect of impairing in any way the military effectiveness of the United States or obstructing any of the civilian organizations that are doing war work.

Dated this 17th day of December, 1917.

"Hardin H. Wahl."
How ashamed a man must be to publicly confess himself a contemptible liar.

ASSIGNMENT OF REGISTERED BONDS

By an official order of the Treasury, the assignment of registered bonds heretofore made only before certain treasury officials of the officers of certain courts and Federal Reserve and National banks can now legally be made before officers of incorporated State banks and trust companies.

This will be a great relief to many holders of registered bonds living in small towns and cities where there are no National banks or persons before whom the assignment could legally be made.

Heretofore it has not been usual for a fee to be charged for the assignment of bonds, and it is presumed that the newly designated agencies will conform to the custom and make no charge.

OUR STOCK OF GOLD

The gold monetary stock (coin and bullion used as money) in the United States on November 1, 1917, is estimated in Secretary McAdoo's annual report at \$3,041,500,000. The increase in the past ten months has been

\$174,500,000, and in the past three years \$1,236,500,000. In five years the portion of the world's gold monetary stock held by the United States has increased from approximately one-fifth to more than one-third.

RIPPLING RHYMES

By Walt Mason

Happiness

My neighbor Johnsing can afford a lot of things that I can not; yet I'm not envious or bored, beneath my collar I'm not hot. My neighbor Johnsing has a roll that's large enough to choke a steer; I contemplate him, and my soul is smiling still, from ear to ear. For one thing is supremely true—as some one said, in ringing tones—that happiness has naught to do with what human being owns. Old Masters hung upon the wall won't bring a nickel's worth of bliss. The rich man, in his gilded hall, is always saying things like this: "The gladdest time I ever spent was when I lived in yonder shack, and had to husband every cent, to buy suspenders for my back." I like to have enough to eat, I like to have some clothes to wear, and caskets for my shapely feet, and gasoline to feed the mare. I like to feel, in dismal times, upon the day that's wet and dark, that I have half a dozen dimes in storage in the village bank. Let neighbor Johnsing view his roll, through tears that make his vision dim; I wouldn't touch it with a pole, when seeing what it's done for him.

La Grande Boy Takes a Flight In Air

San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 3, 1917.

Dear Mother:— Things here are becoming more interesting all the time. Since I passed for a "flyer" I have had a lot of chances to see many things that I would have missed before. A friend who is an aviator took me up yesterday. It was great sport soaring over the great camp with its acres of tents and barracks, hangars, etc. The two great landing fields are belittled by the great height until they seem but tiny yards. I know that I will like it fine.

I start for officers school of military aeronautics the 12th. That will last eight weeks, then three months flying and "over there." Being a sergeant now helped a lot in getting through. I believe about 30 per cent get through that put in their papers. A large number of those "kicked out" miss the famous physical exam, however.

Yours,
SERGT. DEAN SMITH,
Cadet A. S. J.

To Check Food Waste.

T. J. Seroggin, of La Grande, and A. C. Miller, of Enterprise, have been appointed county chairmen by W. B. Ayer, Food Administrator of Oregon, to check waste of flour and sugar in Union and Wallawa counties.

Farmers may buy a half barrel of flour at one time. Families in town may buy one-fourth barrel.

Sales of sugar to families are limited to \$1 purchases. Farmers may buy 25 pounds at a time. Farmers living at a distance may buy in greater quantities by getting special permits.

Announces His Candidacy.

STANFIELD, Jan. 12.—(Special.)—At the annual community meeting of the agricultural and dairying interests of Umatilla county held here Thursday, R. N. Stanfield, Republican candidate for the nomination for U. S. Senator, was the principal speaker. There were hundreds of his neighbors and life long friends and acquaintances present and in the course of his address he stated the principles upon which he would stand in his campaign.

Swift & Co's. Profits Huge.

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—Net profits far surpassing all previous records were reported by Swift & Co., packers for the fiscal year ending with September, 1917. The profits given are equivalent to 34.85 per cent on the company's \$100,000,000 capital stock and compare with net profits of \$29,455,000 in the 1916 fiscal year, which were equal to 27.22 per cent on the \$75,000,000 stock then outstanding.

Let an expert do your work. Our tire repair department is in charge of Mr. R. Strong, who has had many years experience in tire repair work; our equipment is the best. If you are in doubt as to whether to have a tire repaired or not Mr. Strong will gladly advise you. We repair all kinds of tires, tubes and other rubber goods. All work guaranteed.
W. H. BOHNENKAMP CO.
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La Grande Boy Takes a Flight In Air

"Bazooka" is the Latest.
PORT ROYAL, S. C., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—U. S. Marines at this station have a new invention. It is called a "bazooka." No, it isn't a cannon, nor a flying machine, nor a machine gun, but when in operation it will make you "bunk your feet." The "bazooka" is a simple contrivance, consisting of two pieces of gas pipe and a funnel, but its secret is in the playing. It is said that the Marine Corps Jazz Band is the only one in the world that boasts of a "bazooka."

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Patriotism and Business

Every good citizen at this time should do his share toward strengthening the Federal Reserve Banking System which our Government has created with its billion dollars of resources to stand back of its member banks and all their depositors.

You can contribute directly to the strength of this system, and at the same time secure its protection by depositing your money with us, since part of every dollar you deposit with us goes directly into the new system, where it is always ready for you when wanted.

This is a suggestion for prompt action.

Member Federal Reserve System

La Grande National Bank