

# WASTAGE TELLS TRAGEDY OF WAR

### Daily Eight Trains Bring Soldiers' Ruined Equipment to Le Mans From Front.

### 5,000 MAKE OVER GARMENTS

French Redeem 80,000 Pairs of Trench Boots and 50,000 Pieces of Outer Clothing Monthly—German War Prisoners Work.

Le Mans, Department of the Sarthe, France.—On an average eight trains a day are bringing to Le Mans the wreckage at the battle front, consisting of thousands of tons of damaged war material and soldiers' ruined equipment. There have been as many as 17 trains a day heavily loaded with this material picked up on battlefields and around camps. Le Mans would be the paradise of ragmen and dealers in second-hand goods were it not for the fact that the French army is finding its own use for such of the material as it is able to recuperate or repair.

Establishments located here by the quartermaster's department recuperate monthly 50,000 outer garments, 125,000 undergarments, 3,500 pairs of shoes, 60,000 pairs of trench boots, 25,000 steel helmets, 270,000 sheepskin capes and 120,000 pieces of equipment.

These articles are made ready for use again by disinfection, renovation and repairs. There are in addition, made each month from pieces of clothing that are not repaired, 100,000 pairs of slippers, 120,000 cases for soldiers' canteens, 50,000 forage caps, 75,000 shoe laces, 20,000 cloth cases for bread loaves, and 10,000 wash-rags.

### 5,000 in Repair Shops.

The recuperation and repair of worn and damaged articles began in the spring of 1916 in vast warehouses and repair shops in which 5,000 persons, including 2,000 refugees, mostly women, are employed.

Here and at Les Murlins, northwest of Orleans, among the quays from which the mobilized men of the fifth military region went off to war in August, 1914, German prisoners of war now line up in front of incoming freight trains and unload quantities of great sacks that look like the product of a gigantic ragman's shop.

The indescribable mass invokes the confusion as well as the tragedy of the battlefield. There are pierced and dented helmets, worn and stained pieces of uniform, forage caps, great coats, leggings, army shoes and trench

## SAYS SON OWES FOR BOARD

### Stepfather Puts in Claim Against Estate for \$5,200 for Meals and Lodging.

Racine, Wis.—Claiming that Theodore Johnson, who died six months ago, leaving an estate worth \$70,000, owes his mother for board and rent for the last quarter of a century, August Wilson has filed a \$5,200 claim against the estate. Wilson declares Johnson boarded at his mother's house and also had a trunk stored there for twenty-five years. He figures that the board and room were worth at least \$5 a week with accrued interest.

## GIVES HUSBAND AND 3 SONS FOR COUNTRY

Lingle, Wyo.—A husband and three sons for Uncle Sam's liberty forces is the contribution of Mrs. John M. Bennett, of this town.

With all the male members of her family preparing in various training camps for the fight for democracy and humanity, Mrs. Bennett and her two young daughters spend a great deal of their leisure doing Red Cross work.

boots, some of them pierced by bullets, some torn by shrapnel and others shredded by violent contact with barbed wire.

All of them are covered with layers of mud of varying thicknesses and not infrequently a garment presents a stain of an indefinable color, always easily recognized but got rid of with difficulty. These garments receive special treatment. They are first thrown into a receptacle which they go through a long and thorough cleaning before being treated as other garments.

### Leather, Metal and Cloth.

The first operation on the arrival of a train is the sorting of the load into three piles, leather, metal and cloth. The cloth and canvas go at once into immense disinfesting tanks that are in operation night and day, and from there to the laundry. Then they go to another warehouse, where they are separated into repairable and unrepairable; here there is a great deal of ripping to separate trimmings from garments and to divide the garments themselves into pieces of a nearly uniform size as possible to facilitate their transformation into comfortable slippers.

The sheep skins are purified by a sulphur application in the abandoned vault of an old cemetery near by, where 6,000 of them are treated each day, after which they are made pliable and ready for wear again by a heating machine. Some of them are able to take another turn at the front, but the most of them, along with pieces of uniform, are distributed among the assembling stations at the rear for the equipment of auxiliaries and among the hospitals for the clothing of convalescents.

Rags are sold here at the rate of a hundred bales per day, weighing in the aggregate about 12 tons. This represents the wear and wastage of clothing received at Le Mans alone; an equal quantity is received at Les Murlins.

Kettles, braziers, lanterns, drums, musical instruments and all kinds of tools also pass through here on their way to Rennes to be dealt with by special establishments where the percentage of recuperation is said to be very slight.

### Patriotism Personified!

New Rochelle, N. Y.—The greatest patriot in the history of New Rochelle has been discovered. He is the man who hung out a service flag with one star in front of his garage because he sold his car to the army quartermaster department.

### Woman Is Deputy Marshal.

Denver, Colo.—To Miss Lola Anderson of Pueblo, Colo., belongs the distinction of winning the first appointment of a woman ever made as a deputy United States marshal.

## HOLD LIBERTY BONDS

### People Urged to Retain Them as Permanent Investment.

### Government Discourages Practice of Merchants in Accepting Them in Exchange for Merchandise.

United States treasury officials are seeking to discourage the practice followed by many merchants throughout the country of offering to accept Liberty bonds of the first and second issues at par, and in some cases at a premium, in exchange for merchandise. They hold that such practice defeats the primary object of the sale of the bonds, discouraging the general thrift movement and increasing expenditures, thus depriving the government of li-

bor and material needed for war purposes.

"While I have no doubt that merchants are actuated by patriotic motives," said Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, in a statement given out through the federal reserve banks, "I am sure that they have failed to consider the effect which the acceptance of their offers have upon the situation. We are making the strongest effort to have these government bonds purchased for permanent investment by the people at large, to be paid for out of the past and future savings of those who buy them. Purchases thus made not only result in providing funds for the uses of the government, but they also effect a conservation of labor and material.

"When the bonds are exchanged for merchandise, the primary object of their sale is defeated, discouraging thrift and increasing expenditure. In addition to this, such bonds, when taken in exchange for merchandise, must

in most cases be immediately sold in the open market. This naturally tends to depress the market price of the issue and makes it less easy to sell future issues at the same rate."

Secretary McAdoo believes that the merchants of the country, upon a more careful consideration of the subject, will discontinue their efforts to sell merchandise and take Liberty bonds in payment for it.

## CONVICTS KEEP THEIR WORD

### Warden Liberates 40 of Them for Holiday, and All Return to the Prison.

Rahway, N. J.—Warden Frank Moore of the state reformatory experimented during the holiday in per-

mitting prisoners, after receiving their word of honor to return, to spend Christmas at home.

He liberated 40 of them and they all returned within the agreed time. "Barry the Buster," who is clever at fall deliveries, was one of the forty. Another was a young man who took a large turkey home to his mother.

His friends bade him good-by as he left Christmas night, believing his story of having business elsewhere. They did not know.

### To Build Orphan Home.

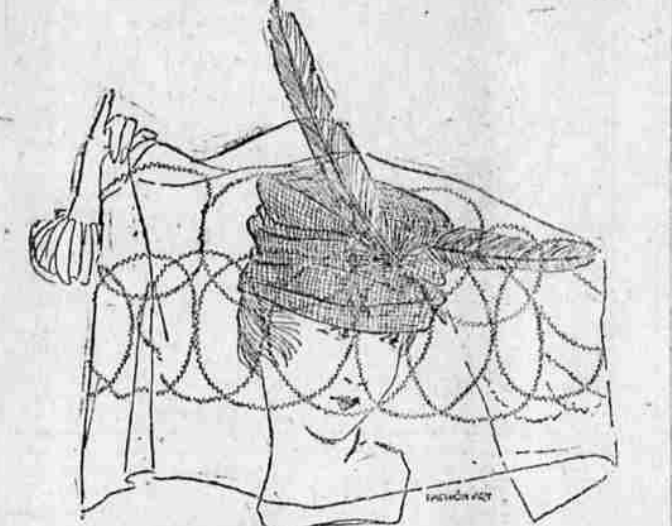
John F. Andrus, drug manufacturer and multimillionaire, of Yonkers, N. Y., has incorporated the Surina company (Surina is Andrus spelled backwards) for the purpose of erecting and maintaining a 150,000 orphans' home in Yonkers.

### Birthday Party—About twenty friends of Mrs. B. A. Benham pleasantly surprised her on her birthday last Monday night. Games and music occupied the evening and dainty refreshments were served. At a late hour the guests left wishing Mrs. Benham many happy returns of the day.

### A Hint to the Aged.

If people past sixty years of age could be persuaded, to go to bed as soon as they take cold and remain in bed for one or two days, they would recover much more quickly, especially if they take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. There would also be less danger of the cold being followed by any of the more serious diseases.

## SPRINGTIME VEILS GO "OVER THE TOP"

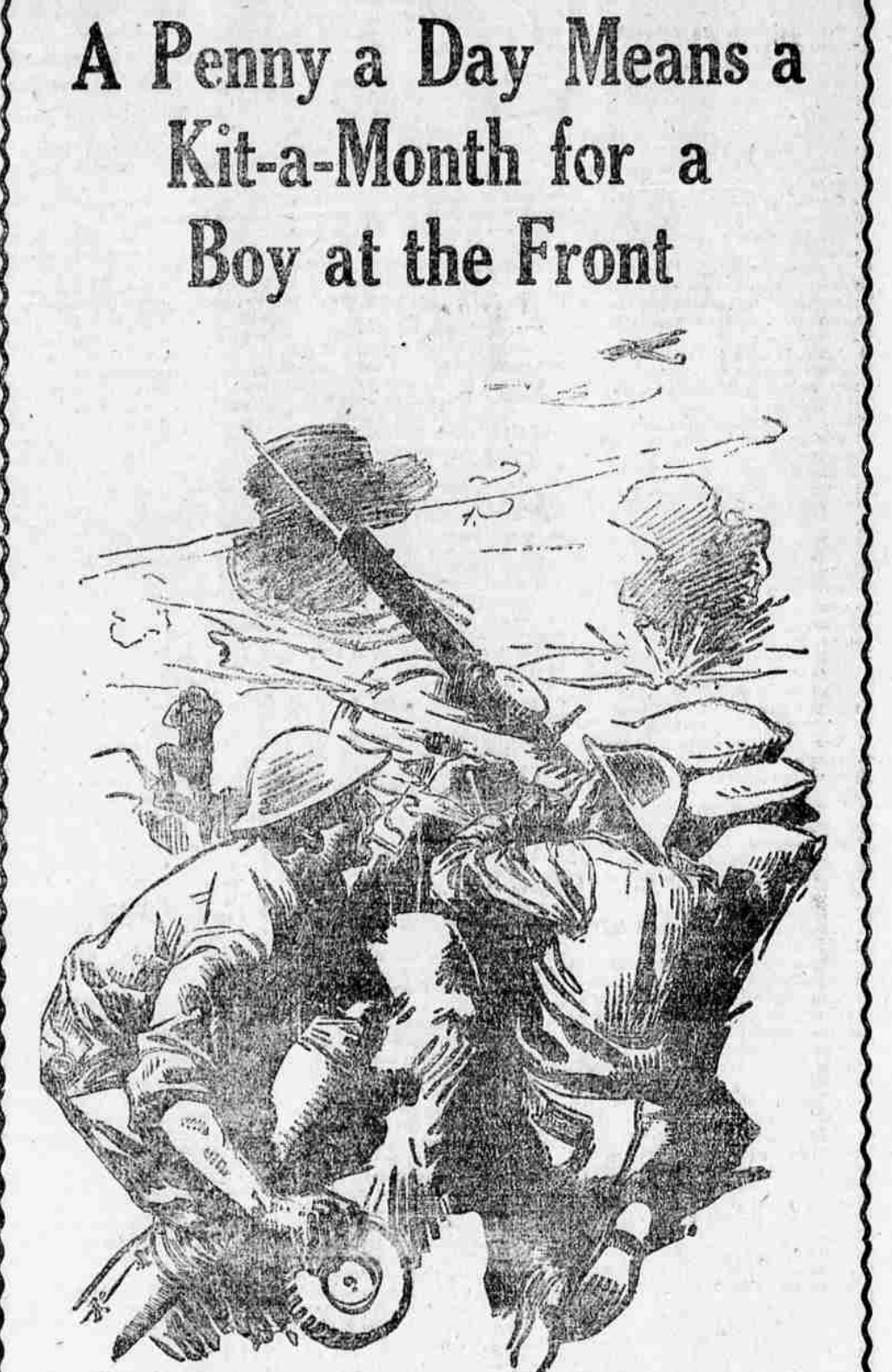


"This lovely lady whose perky quills suggest the aviation service is about to dive head-first into an exquisite veil called 'Clouds.' Its fairy fabric is woven of the softest gray lace and the cloud rings are done in airy circlings of slightly heavier thread."

## WARTIME FIGURE SLENDER STILL



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Just think what this little sum will do! For 25 cents we will enter your name on our Tobacco Fund list and will send 45 cents worth of smoking tobacco and cigarets to our boys in France. In the kit will be a postal card stamped and addressed to you, and on the kit will be a request to the soldier asking him to write a message to you on the postal and mail it.

The Red Cross takes charge of these kits of smoking material and distributes them; the French government sends back the postal bearing a one-cent United States stamp and admits the tobacco free of duty.

Surely if as busy an organization as the Red Cross Society and as pre-occupied officials as those of the French government will do these things to see that our soldiers get a chance to smoke, it isn't asking much to ask you to set aside one cent a day for the purpose.

Send in your contributions of any amount—25 cents, \$1.00, \$5.00, or more. For every 25 cents that you give, a separate postal bearing your name goes to the front.

- Here's 45 cents worth of tobacco which is sent for your quarter:
- A package of Tuxedo tobacco and four books of cigaret papers.
- Three pouches of Bull Durham Tobacco and three books of papers.
- Two packages of Lucky Strike cigarets, twenty cigarets in each package.
- A return postal card addressed to the contributor on which the soldier will pen his appreciation and gratitude for the gift.

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