

### FALSE RUMORS SHAKE BRITAIN

Irresponsible Talk is the Worst Form of Enemy Propaganda.

### PEACE BRIBE TO BERLIN

Thousand Asses Loaded With Pure Gold Reported to Be Sent—Wild Tale of Fight Between Two Kiltic Regiments.

London.—The most deadly form of German propaganda in Great Britain today is the mouth to mouth rumor. Wherever one goes, in clubs or restaurants, at the theater or in the railway car, one's peace of mind will be irretrievably shattered by some kindly intentioned stranger.

The keep of the London Tower has been overcrowded with riddled corpses to a positively unsanitary degree. Now it will be an airman of worldwide renown. The next day an ex-lord chancellor of the realm will toe the line following him; King George will have his Germanic extraction flung in his teeth, and an ex-prime minister receive the welcome news that he has sold the country to save his financial interests in the enemy's country. Your true propagandist is no respecter of persons.

#### Of Eastern Origin.

There was one story of distinct Eastern origin. Great Britain, ran the humor by way of kindly neutrals, had sent a thousand asses laden with pure gold as a peace bribe to Berlin. A later effort, told with due pathos and dramatic effect, concerned the loss of a large American transport, which had been sent down by a German U-boat, with a total loss of life and material. The rumor was common property, with, perhaps, the possible exception of the American naval authorities.

"Thousands of Woolwich arsenal workers, unable to obtain food, were rioting furiously, and the troops had to be called out," was the preface to another. Inquiry showed the case to be that of a woman of inebriate habits and revolutionary tendencies, a misapprehension with a local police constable and a sympathetic crowd, hungry and disappointed, supplied the necessary background and climax.

Another case was that of two kiltic regiments. The—Highlanders, holding the left flank of a big advance movement, were to have been supported at 5 a. m. of a freezing winter morning by the Black Watch. The latter failed to put in an appearance. The Highlanders, sadly manoled by shrapnel and machine guns, returned to rest billets at quarter strength and swearing vengeance dire. On the road the Black Watch was encountered. Forthwith the two battalions set about one another with their dirks and bayonets, leaving the dead and dying by the roadside in the hundreds. This story to the troops individually concerned proved extremely acceptable from its humorous element alone.

### PIGS HELP GET BEAR

Held the Animal While Lad Let Go Both Barrels of Gun.

Willie Hackenschmidt, fifteen years old, of Salmon Creek came to Warren, Pa., the other day with a 250-pound black bear in his farm wagon.

"I couldn't have got him if it hadn't been for father's pigs," he explained. "I was out in the woods after rabbits when I heard one of the pigs squeal. I ran toward the sound and when I got there a big black bear had one of the little squelers in his paws. The others were crazy. They were pawing the bear all over. He dropped the pig and started to run when he saw me, but the pigs held him until I could get close enough to give him both barrels."



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BELLE BENNETT IN SCENE FROM TRIANGLE PLAY, "BECAUSE OF THE WOMAN."

### CHAMPION AMERICAN GRENADE THROWER



Hezen Kelly of the Syracuse university unit has the distinction of being the champion hand grenade thrower.

er among the American troops in France. Young Kelly's good right arm will probably account for many Hunns when his unit enters the trenches. He has made grenades a special study.

### THIS CAMOUFLAGE DRAWS SHELLFIRE

British Remove Their Guns, but Old "Scenery" Is Left Behind.

Major General O'Callaghan is responsible for a camouflage story that puts the reverse English, as it were, on the camouflage.

"Somewhere out there," he says, "I was looking over some artillery emplacements, and among others found a big 12-inch howitzer planted hard by a little farmhouse in a small orchard. It had apparently been there only a few days, and I asked the lieutenant in immediate charge to tell me about it."

"You see," explained the lieutenant, "we were over yonder half a mile in an excellent position, but the Boche got our range and strafed us something fierce the other afternoon. So I asked the major if we might move her down here. We got the engine up at midnight, the sappers laid down the rails in a little while, and we brought her here before daylight."

"You've got a good position here,"

I remarked, "but you don't seem to have done much by way of concealment."

"No," replied the subaltern, "we carefully left the camouflage in the old place; you will notice the Hunns are still giving it a—"

"Oh," I said, "getting the idea, 'that's a new one; has it been tried before?'"

"Yes, sir," replied the youngster, grinning blandly: "last week we took a 60-pounder out like that and the Boche has been wasting several tons of good shells on camouflage every day since."

### WIFE TO PRODUCE NOISE

Explosive Boss Doesn't Think New Job is Sincere.

When Constable F. Ruel Andrews of East Haven, Conn., who is also the town dog warden, fire warden and unofficially known as town "chief of police," received a commission from the government, appointing him director of explosives for the town, he stood in the village post office and displayed the voluminous document. Some of the curious bystanders allowed that "Ru" wouldn't have much to do in this town, as there weren't any explosives to direct.

"Huh, there ain't!" said the constable. "Well, you just wait till my wife hears they've saddled a new office onto me."

### WILLAMETTE PACIFIC OPENS RICH TERRITORY

With the transfer of Engineer H. P. Hoey and his forces from Eugene to San Francisco, where they are now in the office of Chief Engineer William Hood, the final chapter in the completion of the Willamette Pacific railroad has been closed, says a Southern Pacific announcement.

This line, running from Eugene to Marshfield, a distance of 121.6 miles, was opened for traffic in October, 1916, and is being operated under Su-

perintendent Burkhalter as the Coos Bay branch of the Portland division. Mr. Hoey had remained at Eugene to finish certain engineering details.

Construction on the road started in 1911 and over \$11,000,000 was expended on it. It taps one of the richest sections of Oregon. Of particular interest at this time is the important factor it has been in making available for government aeroplanes some of the choicest spruce timber in the northwest.

The character of the country traversed presented many difficult engineering problems, but a standard road bed has been constructed of the highest type with easy grades and light curves. Five and one-half miles of permanent trestle had to be built and there were thirty-nine stream, lake or bay crossings at which steel bridges were required. Those at Cushman on the Siuslaw and Reedsport on the Umpqua have drawbridges that are large enough to allow the passage of ocean steamers. The great drawbridge over Coos bay, costing \$660,000, is in all about a mile in length. The drawbridge is the longest in the northwest. Over nine thousand tons of steel were used in these bridges.

The nine tunnels, if put together, would extend for two and seven-tenths miles. Eighteen thousand tons of steel were used in rails for the

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The Pneumonia Season  
The cold, damp weather of March seems to be the most favorable for the pneumonia germ. Now is the time to be careful. Pneumonia often results from a cold. The quicker a cold is gotten rid of the less the danger. As soon as the first indications of a cold appears take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. As to the value of this preparation, ask anyone who has used it.—Adv.

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