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## BOOTY CAPTURED BY GEN. MAGIN'S ARMY



Some of the many cannon captured by General Magin's army in the Marne battle are here shown.

it is just someone they love to touch, to smile at, to take hold on life once more—to wake up after moaning intervals of unconsciousness and find her sitting close to the narrow bed, smiling at you—and it is done just as quickly as that.

After the doctor's rounds, he sends a telegram asking her to come to such-and-such a busy hospital to see Private ..... That very evening, perhaps, in Devon, when the sun sinks low, a small boy comes running and puffing up the lane waving the precious paper; the door under the thatch stands open. She is there, waiting, as the women are waiting the world over today and the message says "Come." That is all she needs—that telegram in passport, railroad ticket, bus fare, channel crossing, entrance to the war zone, space on troop train, pass into that long, low building where her "love lies bleeding."

Yes, it's a wonderful highway the British build from the aching ward in Flanders to the cottage in Devonshire. Just a telegram—no bewildering officials, no hours of waiting outside important doors—just a telegram; and the next evening at sunset, she is sitting by her man in Flanders as he sleeps for the first time, because the tide has turned.

Just a thin bit of blue paper—just a telegram.

### THE TRAINED VOICE.

It is admirable, it is more than that—it is joyful, to know the best trained voices in the world are being given to war work.

In a recent issue of the Observer we told of the grand opera stars, the popular singers and the highest paid vocalist in the world giving all of their time to entertaining the soldiers or singing for war work in some quarter of the globe.

President Wilson, realizing the power of song upon people, has asked that every community have a chorus and he has asked that the trained voices enter that chorus. He knows what it means for a good, trained soprano or a contralto voice to lead a hundred or a thousand voices in chorus singing.

La Grande has responded to the President's order in organizing and

maintaining a chorus. It is a good chorus—composed of good singers and fine people.

More trained voices will help, and La Grande has a number of voices that are superb. Let all join in.

### WHAT WAR RELIEF MEANS.

The greatness of the Red Cross relief work throughout the many fields of its activity is difficult of portrayal. Its very greatness makes it hard to grasp. Impressing, to say the least, will be the statement which follows, showing some of the principal items in the list of supplies the American Red Cross has sent to its commissions in foreign countries in the recent past.

It has shipped the following for invalid Italian and Serbian prisoners of war, and for the Swiss hospital for tubercular Serbians:

- 275 cases of condensed milk,
- 810 cases of jam,
- 22,400 pounds of roast beef,
- 192,000 pounds of flour,
- 40,000 pounds of canned meat,
- 38,000 pounds of sugar,
- 28,000 pounds of rice,
- 60,000 pounds of coffee,
- 90,000 pounds of beans.

During the past two months the Red Cross has shipped 4300 tons of food-stuffs to Russia. Among the larger items were the following:

- 109,500 cases of evaporated milk,
- 280,000 pounds of oatmeal,
- 60,000 pounds of toilet soap,
- 4,000 cases of laundry soap,
- 254,000 pounds of rice,
- 152,000 pounds of chocolate and cocoa,
- 400,000 pounds of egg powder.

During the past four months the Red Cross has distributed 63,000,000 yards of gauze, made up into bandages and surgical dressing, between England, France, and Italy. During a similar period of time it has spent \$590,000 for surgical instruments, etc., for distribution in these three countries, as follows:

- Surgical instruments ..... \$100,000
- Hospital furniture ..... 125,000
- Disinfectors ..... 140,000
- Dental instruments ..... 50,000
- X-Ray equipment ..... 15,000
- Misc. hospital equipment ..... 70,000

Perhaps the above figures will add to the fullness of view of those who would measure the extent of Red Cross relief along with its meaning.

The statement presented, it should be remembered, shows only shipments

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### WAR AS A BUSINESS.

Among other humorous twists of the "efficient" German mind was the belief that the war for which preparations had been made for decades could be carried on at a "profit."

"Six weeks to Paris and a billion dollars indemnity," said the Kaiser, "and half the north of France annexed."

"Then not more than three months to St. Petersburg (as it was then) and not less than three billion dollars indemnity, with most of Southwestern Russia added to our soil!"

Alas for efficiency! Wilhelm now has on the wrong side of the ledger a sound thrashing and twenty billions of dollars war debt, besides what few billions he will accumulate in his ninth war loan, now being floated.

German bankers went to discourage profoundly of "victories of profit," rated 1871 as a "reasonably profitable" adventure.

In August, 1914, they doubtless expected a return for Germany of at least 1000 per cent. In June, 1918, they rubbed their hands delightfully over equally bright prospects.

Now, such is the fickleness of fate, they are talking with infantile seriousness of victory "at par."

When the full tide of America's war strength set toward France early last summer, German hopes began their last ebb.

The French have now forced the Germans back to the north, east and west of Rheims, where neither German nor French have been able to make progress since the lines were locked late in 1914.

The allies, with the Americans now in France, might be able to give the Germans the absolute defeat that will be inflicted upon them before their peace "yelps" are taken seriously.

They will not be called upon for such severe efforts, since America continues to pour a hundred thousand or more troops monthly into French debarkation ports.

### ONLY A SCRAP OF PAPER.

Englishmen can hurry with a skill and efficiency that takes even an American's breath away, says June Richardson Lucas. When it comes to their fighting men they break all speed records. Thousands of men have died in the mud of Flanders—thousands have been wounded and sent home—but thousands have had to lie in those "Halls of Glory," the base hospitals behind the lines; and suffer—beyond the conception of any man—before the tide turns back towards life, or slips out in the gray dawn of Flanders, never to flow back. And the British fight to save those suffering men just as stubbornly as they fight to beat the enemy beyond the heavy cannonading a few kilometers away. As these men suffer and fight for life in the long white wards, they need so many things to help; and often

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### PRESS COMMENT

War is also more to do and fewer to do it.—Boston Herald.

There is a Russian born every minute.—Los Angeles Times.

The Hun has been forced to drop the goose-step for the Foch's trot.—London Opinion.

The German peasant asks for bread and the Kaiser gives him a tombstone.—Kansas City Star.

The belief grows that the Crown Prince has a face which only the Kaiser could love.—Pittsburg Post.

Instead of boiling the city water, why not compress it into bricks and use it for fuel this winter.—St. Joseph Gazette.

The Swiss hotel-keepers are in favor of opening peace negotiations at once in some neutral country.—New York Evening Post.

The Kaiser has just made a visit to Lorraine. He had better visit it while he can.—Arkansas Gazette.

Recent events have demonstrated that it was quite unnecessary for



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### FORUM

#### TAMPERING WITH MAIL.

Editor Observer: Can you inform me if one has mail come to a certain business place and that mail is tampered with and not delivered to right party. Is there any come back to the one who has tampered with your mail?

(There is always a penalty for opening someone else's mail. It is bad form, however, to have mail addressed to other places than your own residence or place of business.)

#### TOWN HAS FIRST BURGLARY.

Hood River—The first burglary in the nine years of Parkdale's history was committed this week with the theft of \$50 from the safe of R. J. McInnes' store.

#### SINGER SEWING MACHINES.

The Best can be had on the easiest terms. Good second hand machines still on hand. See us about repair work. Richard Woolsey, Agent, with Coolidge Paint Store.  
Oct. 12-61-pd.

Seems Queer.  
"Seek and ye shall find" is a great truth (says the Philosopher of Folly) but it can be overdone. For instance the man who is always hunting for a job is the man who never seems to find one.

#### Cut This Out—It Is Worth Money.

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