

LUXURY TAX IN LONDON

Hits Purse of Shoppers Who Dote on Buying, Returning and Exchanging.

London.—The vicissitudes of war have finally reached the women shoppers who dote on buying, returning, exchanging and working what in America is known as the "exchange slip" privilege to the limit.

The luxury tax will reach them—will reach into their purses even.

The luxury tax will be paid upon the purchase of an article, though the price of the article may be charged. But, if the article is brought back, perhaps on the occasion of another trip to Oxford or Regent street, and exchanged for something else, the war tax must be paid on this second article as well as on the first or fourth, if the exchange habit lasts that long.

POOLS LOAN SALESMEN: JANITOR TAKES \$900

Kansas City, Mo.—"What's the smallest amount I can give?" asked John Boylan, a janitor at the Commerce building, of a team of Liberty loan workers.

"Fifty dollars," replied the team captain, "but we hope you will."

"See you after dinner when I talk to my wife," Boylan said.

Three hours later, when the team returned, Boylan handed them a sack saying:

"That's all we can invest now."

In it was \$900.

DUCHESS OF NORFOLK



The duchess of Norfolk, like nearly all other titled Englishwomen, is active in war work. She is a member of the council and president of the Sussex county branch of the B. R. C. S. She is the daughter of the baron of Donington.

Rich Man's Guide to Health.

The only rule for a rich man to be healthy is by exercise and abstinence—to live as if he were poor.—Sir William Temple.

ACQUIRING A PERFECT FIGURE



Most women who have perfect figures did not have them originally. They have acquired them. A woman gradually takes the shape of her corset so the corset produced by the most artistic designer is the right one to wear to secure a perfect figure.

MODART CORSETS
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are most symmetrically and artistically designed. They are comfortable, stylish and gradually mold the figure into those beautiful lines that every woman admires and desires.

PAULINE LEDERLE

DOES NOVEL KNITTING WORK



Uncle Sam is training 4000 boys a month for service in the new merchant marine, the work being done on training ships operated by the United States Shipping board. The apprentice lads on the ships show themselves up in their new duffels, and are busy to fill their leisure with some useful occupation. Some of them, like the boy shown here, have a talent for making, drawn work and fringe on canvas for hammocks, mats, manrope fittings, skylight covers and the like. This is the merchant sailor's "knitting work."

BURN FRENCH HOMES

Towns Wantonly Destroyed and Water Supply Deified.

Huns Caught Red-Handed in Crime Far From Line of Fighting.

With the French Army in Champagne—Detachments of engineers from General Gouraud's army in exploring the region from which the Germans have been driven in this sector have discovered in many villages evidence of the method by which the destruction of dwellings, churches and other public buildings was organized.

The region along the Retourne abounds with indications of willful devastation of villages that were never within range of artillery, but were found razed. In others where houses were still erect they were mined for slow destruction, while the purely military installations, such as barracks built by the Germans for their own troops, were left intact.

Orders for the burning of Juville, a large village in the Valley of the Retourne, arrived on the day of execution. The people pleaded with the officers to spare their homes, but the torch was put to every house. The village was one vast bonfire when the French entered it. Mont St. Remy shared the same fate.

At Neuville, where a villager implored that his home might be spared, an officer replied:

"I know it is an ignominious task, but such are our orders."

Chateau, Alencourt, Bignicourt and Ville-sur-Retourne were partly saved because the French troops pressed the Germans there so closely that the supporters left behind to do the work were surprised. Some of these men fled before they could set off the mines which had been prepared. Others were captured.

It has been necessary from French sappers and miners to explore the cellar of every house remaining intact in this region. Under most of them mines have been found. Months of wells were so mined that explosions would fill them with rock and earth.

PEPPLES FAMILY HAS ENVIABLE WAR RECORD

Hornhill, O.—The Pepples family of this city has an enviable war record, having been represented in every war fought by the United States. The Revolutionary war, the War of 1812, the Mexican war, the Civil war and the Spanish-American struggle have all seen Peppleses bearing arms. In the present world war five of their sons are with the colors, bringing up the family's total for all American wars to 22 soldiers.

HUNS LOSE TWO U-BOATS

Sunk in Attack on Hospital Ship Bringing Wounded Yanks Home.

Woodsville, Tenn.—Five submarines attacked the ship Mount Vernon, which was bringing 150 wounded American soldiers back to the United States and two of the U-boats were sunk, says William Matthews, member of the crew, in a letter to his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Matthews, Oakman avenue, this city.

Goodly Home Herbs.

I place in the goodly home herbs of various kinds, eat them by reaching direct from the garden, and lay them up at home in the high part of the house, as gathering them to the garden—Queen Victoria.

TRACED "FLUSHER" TO LAIR

Western Man Found One in New York They Will Give Any of Them a Hard Run.

The newest "flusher" is the fellow who gives you the silver voice over the phone. He is related to the common or garden variety of flushers. It is over the phone that he makes himself conspicuous, and these are not his only means of attack. He is the guy who knows it all. A man from the West, a wealthy miner from Butte, Mont., discovered the phone flusher and he has announced that it is his intention to start a society to eliminate this particular breed. "I got into town the other day," said the miner, "and the first thing I ran against was a phone flusher, who had me hypnotized until I met him. He called me on the phone about a business deal he knew I was interested in. I decided to visit him at his office after he had convinced me that it was worth while. Especially as I was affected by the remarks he made to people in his office while we were talking. First he interrupted me by turning to some one and saying, 'Don't forget those two lovers for Washington. I've got to be in Washington and meet the president at the White House at 10.' A few minutes later, he told me one else to wait a minute and he'd bring these checks. We talked some more and were halted when he turned away of a sudden and said, 'Oh, that's all right. Tell him to draw on our Chicago office for \$50,000.' This afternoon I went to his office. It's a hole in the wall, and when I went in I darned if he wasn't cutting his own hair."—New York Sun.

AXIOMS CREDITED TO BIG MEN

That of J. P. Morgan Has for a Long Time Been Considered the Most Famous.

"The way to meet trouble is to face it," was one of Theodore N. Vail's favorite axioms, according to the Wall Street Journal.

Harriman had two he was fond of quoting: "To dodge difficulties is to lose the power of decision," and "It is never safe to look into the future with eyes of fear."

"You can grip success better with bare hands than with kid gloves," is a Schwab-made maxim much to the point.

Ford's oft-repeated declaration, "Money is the most useless thing in the world," gives you a sidelight on his character.

It was James J. Hill who coined the phrase that it was not so much the high cost of living that affected the country as "the cost of high living."

One of the most famous of all modern business maxims was that originated by J. P. Morgan, "You can't unscramble an omelet." There was deeper economic meaning in these five words than anyone realized at the time they were uttered, namely, when it was first whispered that the government contemplated a suit to dissolve the billion-dollar combination. War taught us with a vengeance that not only can you not unscramble an omelet but that to secure efficiency it is necessary to scramble many eggs into large omelets.

Peace.

Peace is not an ideal at all; it is a state attendant upon the achievement of an ideal. The ideal itself is human liberty, justice, and the honorable conduct of an orderly and humane society. Given this a durable peace follows naturally as a matter of course. Without this there is no peace, but only a rule of force until liberty and justice revolt against it in search of peace.—N. M. Butler.

Chase Procrastination.

A distasteful duty is doubled by procrastination. We suffer not only the unpleasantness of the actual doing, but the scarcely less discomfort of prolonged dreading.

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PRISONERS ARE BADLY TREATED

British Corporal Tells of 14 Months' Experience in Germany.

SHOT FOR PICKING UP FOOD

Scots Fire on Starved Prisoners Who Pick Up Food Thrown to Them by French Women—Forced to Work.

London.—A corporal in the Lincolnshire regiment, who was taken prisoner in April, 1917, and who succeeded in escaping after the Hun's clutches in June, 1918, has given a very interesting account of his experiences. He is a man of the highest character and his story is, therefore, worthy of credence.

He was captured April 11, 1917, near Alenbourg, and was at first taken to the German headquarters, behind the line. He was questioned, but refused to give any information. He was then sent to a working party behind the German lines at a place called Marets, and was employed on a ration dump. The party was about 10 kilometers from the line; they could see the British shells bursting a mile or so away, but the corporal never heard of any casualties among the prisoners.

There was a commandant in charge of the camp, and the second in command was a feldwebel. Both these officials treated the prisoners very badly. The first day that they were in camp the commandant came, and the feldwebel shouted "Achtung." The men did not know what he meant and did not therefore spring to attention, as they should have done. The feldwebel thereupon struck them with a whip. The sentries also treated them very badly.

Picks Up Food—Shot.

When the prisoners were returning from work the Frenchwomen used to throw them food and other things. The men knew that it was forbidden to step out of the ranks to pick these things up, but they were so hungry that they often broke the rules. The corporal saw a man shot by a sentry for stepping out of the ranks in this way. He was killed instantly, the bullet passed right through him, went through another man's pocket and blew the finger or two fingers off a third man. There were two other men shot in the same way; the corporal saw them both brought into the lager. The prisoners got no food from England while they were on this working party, and they were not allowed to write home.

Toward the end of May, 1917, the corporal was transferred to Munster 11, in Germany, and a week later he was sent on to Minden, where he remained six weeks.

The treatment at Minden was not bad, but in this respect it differed from the food, which was very bad indeed. A five-pound loaf of black bread was divided among 13 men; this was their bread ration for the day. They had coffee in the morning and a thin, watery kind of soup at noon. Once a week they had fish and a small quantity of potatoes. At 6:30 in the evening they had what they called "sausage." It was just like eating sand. Sometimes they had ground maize, and one night out of three they had coffee.

Works in Munition Factory.

From Minden the corporal went on a working party to Hartington, where he remained three weeks. He was working in a munition factory, unloading iron and coal, but the prisoners had nothing to do with the machinery. There were ten Englishmen in the working party, 44 Russians and four Frenchmen. The treatment was not good, and the work was very hard.

At the beginning the guards over the prisoners were soldiers, but during the last four months that the corporal was in Germany they had been re-

placed by elderly civilians. The guards told the prisoners that there had been riots in Berlin just after Christmas, 1917, and several people had been shot. The guards said that all the best men had gone and that it was shameful to think of the kind of men that they were using in the army.

As has already been said, this corporal is a particularly intelligent man. He is quite ready to admit good treatment when good treatment has been given to him, and he has contented himself with giving the bare facts of the case without comment.

SUGAR IN CASH REGISTER

You Get Your Share When You Pay Check in Columbus Restaurant.

Columbus, O.—Ever hear of keeping sugar in a cash register?

That is where it is kept in a string of popular Columbus restaurants. You get your sugar allowance when you pay your check. The sweet is kept in a glass-lined compartment between the nickels and pennies.

When you pay and the cashier rings up the amount of your check and the cash drawer flies open, you see the little sugar bin.

If you happen to have oatmeal, coffee, grapefruit or breakfast food, the cashier will ask you upon which of these she shall bestow your allowance of sugar—and she will never wink an eyelash.

Sunshine in October.

There is no season when such pleasant and sunny spots may be lighted on and produce so pleasant an effect on the feelings, as now in October. The sunlight is peculiarly genial; and in sheltered places on the side of a bank, or of a barn or house one he comes acquainted and friendly with the sunshine. It seems to be of a kind and highly nature. And the green grass strewn with a few withered leaves looks the more green and beautiful for them.—Hawthorne.

Teach Children Correct Speech.

After all, the best place to carry on a campaign for better speech is right in the home with the little circle that three times a day gathers about the dining room table, or perhaps it is only the kitchen table. It makes no difference, and the same little circle which in the evening gathers about the hearth. For it is the speech which we hear about us at home that clings to us through life.—Exchange.

Above, Not Against.

We may not be able to dissipate the forces which war against us, but we can strengthen the forces which range themselves for us. We may not be able to change the conditions in which we must live, but we can train our selves to be more brave and patient in their endurance; to keep our spirits above them, instead of in constant irritation against them.

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CONGRESS HAS FILES OF WORK

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under consideration senators plan to continue the debate on subjects relating to peace. Leaders also hope for early disposition of the resolution of Senator Cummins of Iowa, Republican, proposing appointment of a senate committee to go to Paris to report on the peace conference.

Four Reports Ready

It taking up the revenue bill the senate will receive the formal report of the senate finance committee's revision of the income tax bill in detail. Presentation of republican minority report by Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania, republican, and separate views of Senator Smoot and Mr. Follette will follow in a few days.

Appropriation bills promise to keep the house busy for some weeks. The District of Columbia bill is ready for debate and the postoffice and naval supply measures have almost been completed by committees. The house military committee will begin work this week on the army bill.

An investigation of army construction work and measure for army retrenchment, is to be started by the senate military committee, while the senate public building committee will continue inquiry into housing and other building expenditures.

House May Start Probe.

Investigation by a house committee, to be named by Speaker Clark, of the National Security league, and its alleged charges affecting the loyalty of members of congress, is expected to be ordered by the house during the week. A rule, giving privilege status to the Fear resolution calling for the inquiry is expected to be presented to the house and passage of the resolution is forecast by representatives.

ERNEST MOORE DEAD

Former Resident of Allet Passed Away at Caldwell, Idaho.

ALICEL, Dec. 9.—(Special)—A telegram was received this morning announcing the death last night of Ernest Moore at Caldwell, Idaho. The deceased was a former resident of this vicinity. He is a brother of Mrs. Floyd McKennon.

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Takes Will Power.

Good intentions can wind the alarm clock, but it takes will power to get out of bed in the morning.—Toledo Blade.

It's Ended Then.

Yonaham—"How can I tell when the honeymoon is over?" Oldham—"When your wife stops telling things and begins asking questions."

First Number Y. M. C. A. High School Lyceum course, Tuesday, Dec. 10th. It will be treated. Don't miss it. 12-5-41 pd.

Stomach Trouble.

"Before I used Chamberlain's Tablets I doctored a great deal for stomach trouble and felt nervous and tired all the time. These tablets helped me from the first, and inside of a week's time I had improved in every way," writes Mrs. L. A. Brickard, Jefferson City, Mo.—Adv.

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