

SIGNAL MEN HUSTLE

They Have No Work Rapidly as Fight Rages.

Wire Connection to Front Necessary No Matter How Fast Soldiers May Fly.

With the American Army in France, the signal corps men had to do some fast work during the recent fighting to keep up with the infantry and to keep communications always open between headquarters and the villages newly captured where the doughboys were.

The signal corps was the connecting link between the infantry, artillery, ambulance service and headquarters. The signal corps did wonderful and lightning work. Every other department says so.

It is no cinch being the signal corps after a division that is continually gaining ground.

"As soon as the infantry makes a push you have to get a telephone line strung into the farthest ruins or woods or wheat field, no matter how many German shells are splintering madly over the area."

Then, about the time you get a wire strung along the ground and in working order, call up headquarters to tell them. "This is the new post at Suresnes; give us a ring to see how we work," along comes another Boche shell and ends the communication.

There's nothing to do but go out and find the cut and fix it, and probably more Boche shells are trying to make more cuts in communication, or even cut you off.

The signal corps has wires everywhere, in bushes, along the ground, on poles left by the Boches, underground, through ruins. Headquarters say they never had such quick service, and they were never out of communication with regiments longer than the few minutes it took a signal corps man to inspect the wires and repair a break.

A signal corps man was stringing some wires across a wheat field. "Some wire this," he said. "I haven't had a sleep for more than two days. I suppose I'd fall asleep on the job if it weren't for these shells that come whistling along. Duck. There comes one!"

After it exploded he said, "They kind of scared me at first. I thought every one was meant for me."

HUN SELLS SUPPLIES SEIZED

French Forced by Germans to Pay in Coin for Rations They Once Owned.

With the American Troops in France—Renewed evidence of German ruthlessness in dealing with the civilian population of invaded territories is contained in a captured army order. It prescribes the treatment and the procedure to be followed in a section south of the Vesle river (Marne section).

All the inhabitants capable of working, the order says, must be used for the needs of the army, regardless of their age. Their "salaries" are to be paid in paper currency at the rate of 50 cents a day as the maximum for men; 40 cents for men and women between the ages of seventeen and twenty; and 30 cents for boys from fifteen to seventeen.

The inhabitants, however, must pay in French gold or silver for their rations. The supplies, of course, were taken from the population before being sold back to them.

Accidents at Different Ages

One of the large casualty companies has prepared a compilation showing the percentage of deaths due to accident at different ages. Out of a total of 718,891 deaths embraced in the compilation, 21.1 per cent were persons from fifteen to twenty-nine years old; 19.1 per cent, thirty to thirty-nine; 12.5 per cent, forty to forty-nine; 8 per cent, fifty to fifty-nine; and 4.7 per cent, sixty to sixty-nine.

A WANT AD will do it

JUST THINK FOR ONCE IN YOUR LIFE

how you can save and when in need of
LINOLEUM, RUGS OR FURNITURE

We have prices that beat 'em all, and mean dollars in your pocket if you buy your furniture and other goods here.

Harris Furniture Store

H. B. HARRIS, Proprietor
406 VIR STREET PHONE Red 8111

SERVANT LACK AIDS HOTELS

Scarcity of Help in Homes Sending Families to New York Hostels.

New York.—Although the fuel problem which developed in New York hotels last year is to a great extent responsible for the unprecedented business of the apartment hotels this fall, there have been new developments which increase the influx of apartment hotel dwellers throughout the city. The greatest individual reason is the servant problem.

Persons who have had servant staffs for years without a change have been known to lose as many as three last single weeks lately because of unprecedented demand for experienced help and the prices offered for it.

The apartment hotel has been easily formed, and with the scarcity of fuel, scarcity of help, scarcity of suitable apartments and scarcity of vans to accomplish large moving, the fact that there is hardly an apartment hotel vacancy left in New York is not especially remarkable.

HUN DIPLOMAT WANTS WIFE

Advertiser for Woman "From the Best Family, With Fat Fortune."

Amsterdam.—The Frankfurter Zeitung publishes an advertisement of a "diplomatic attaché in the highest position, tall, good-looking, thirty, free-thinker, son of an excellent" who wants a wife "from the best family, with a fortune permitting her to become the wife of a future German ambassador." He explains that he has no advertisements because there are no chances or dinners during the war.

The Tagliche Rundschau, very angry at the "future German ambassador," says it is not surprising that the whole world laughs at the German diplomats, if this is the stuff of which they are made.

SHOWS NO SORROW FOR MURDER OF FATHER WHOM SHE HATED



ALICE KARLSON

"I am happier now than I have ever been in my life, because I know my mother is not being cursed and abused and my little brothers are not being beaten. I have peace of mind for the first time since I can remember anything." This is what Alice Karlson said about the murder of her father, Werner Karlson, whom she shot in their dismal farm home near Scotts, Mich.

Miss Karlson is only 24. She declares she will not have an attorney, as her brothers have enough financial burden.

Remembered Mother's Answer. Little Harry one day asked his mother who made the trees and was told that God made them. A few days later an old colored man came to trim the trees and the little fellow, seeing him at work, ran to his mother and exclaimed: "Oh, mamma, God's out in his yard trimming his trees!"

Observer advertising will bring results.

FLYERS THEIR ESPECIAL CARE

Corps of Doctors and Trainers to Look After the Aviators in This Country and Abroad.

For the care and conditioning of flyers in the air service the United States government is now appointing a corps of doctors and trainers large enough to equip each training field and camp for flyers, both here in the United States and in France, with a proper organization. The doctors will be known as flight surgeons and the trainers as physical directors. The medical branch of the air service is not alone continued to the selection of the flyer, but to his care and condition after he has been admitted to the service. It has become apparent that the flyer is unlike other soldiers, common sense. In the air service he has become an intricate, highly sensitized piece of mechanism with troubles all his own. To keep his complex organism physically fit a special master mechanic had to be provided solely for him.

The flight surgeon, therefore, has been given freedom of independent initiative in all questions of fitness of the flyers. Subject to the approval of the commanding officer, he is expected to institute such measures as periods of rest, recreation and temporary excursions from duty as may seem advisable. He takes sick calls of aviators, he visits such cases as may be in the hospital and consults with the attending surgeon regarding them. He makes the examination of candidates for aviator and lives in close touch with flyers.

The physical directors are assistants to the flight surgeons and their duty is to supervise such recreation and physical training of the flyers as are considered necessary.

WOMEN POLICE "MAKE GOOD"

Abundant Testimony as to Splendid Work They Have Done in England Since War Started.

How England's women police have developed into a real force for the maintenance of order and public morality has appeared in the report of Miss Goldingham, deputy commander of the women police service, at a meeting in Richmond, where the establishment of such a force was under discussion.

She said that these forces had been formed from voluntary workers early in the war, as a means of helping refugees and young English girls and boys who were in need of aid or advice. In three and a half years 1,000 women have been trained for the work and have found appointments. At present women are policing 20 munition factories, where they perform all the duties, practically, that could be expected of masculine police. The women's police service has also supplied police for 18 towns, in four of which women have been sworn in as constables.

Hun Captives Are Oxlike.

Once through Tonnepont and on the main road for Peronne things became less exciting and we drew up to see a column of 100 prisoners pass us. Each side of the causeway was lined by Australians, with their keen, clear-cut, feline faces, and between lurching these heavy-jawed, beetle-browed, uncouth louts, new-caught and staring round with bewildered eyes at their debonaire captors. I saw some of that relief at getting out of it which I have read of, nor did I see any signs of fear, but the prevailing impression was an oxlike stolidity and dullness. It was a herd of beasts, not a procession of men. It was indeed farcical to think that these uniformed lumps represented the great military nation, while the gallant figures who lined the road belonged to the race which they had despised as being uncivilized. Time and Fate between them have a pretty sense of humor.—Arthur Conan Doyle in the London Times.

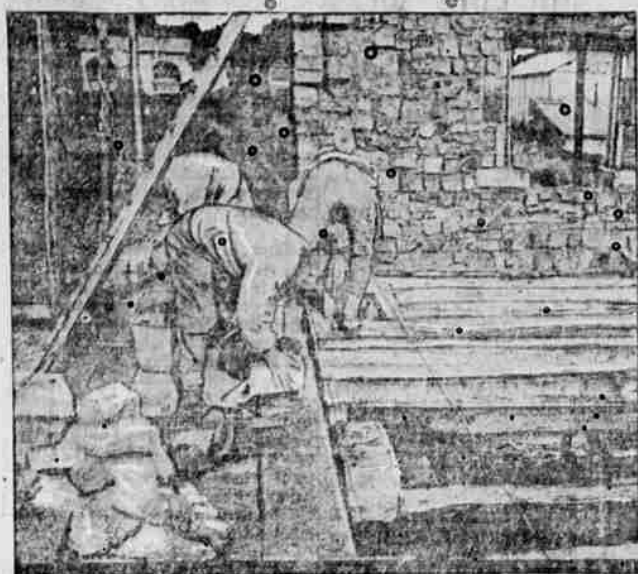
What Next?

Recently, after the routine of physical examinations and tests at the Indianapolis Orphan's home had been given, consisting of the typhoid and smallpox vaccinations, eye and ear tests and treatment recommended, search for and removal of adenoids and tonsils, dental tests and care, diphtheria immunity test and antitoxin and finally tuberculosis test, some of those requiring repeated trials and treatment, one little fellow said to his teacher in the school, in speaking of the various overhauls: "They'll be testing us next to see if we have any brains, won't they?"

THE PALACE CONFECTIONERY.

We will be glad to furnish you with your holiday ice cream. We make all kinds of brick ice cream. Party orders solicited. 12-23-21

REBUILDING HOUSES THEY DESTROYED



Already many of the German prisoners in France are being put to work to repair some of the damage they wrought there. These Huns are rebuilding a cottage that they or their fellows had destroyed.

SOME POSTSCRIPTS

Two complete sets of controlling devices feature a new automobile designed for instruction purposes.

Handed like an ordinary broom, with no other power, a new device combines the principles of the carpet sweeper and vacuum cleaner.

For disinfecting or perfuming the air in rooms an attachment for electric fans has been invented in which liquids descend from a tank into a flag that is waved by the fan's breeze.

On the theory that a person can work better if alternately seated and standing at his task, an inventor has designed a typewriter table that can be used equally well in either position.

French cotton mill men have established a laboratory to determine the percentage of moisture or any abnormal dryness in cotton, that which is too dry being regarded as defective.

Japanese have built the world's tallest chimney, a re-enforced concrete structure 570 feet high, which stands upon a hill that is 430 feet higher than the copper smelter which it serves.

To test textiles an Englishman has invented a machine to pass fabrics under a microscope while at the same time they are subjected to powerful electric lights above and below their surfaces.—Houston Post.

OVERCOATS 50 PER CENT OFF

Fine wool overcoats at \$16.50 until Christmas. THE TOGGERY. 12-14-10

TOLD IN FIGURES

Tokyo has 5,361,484 people.

Japan claims 57,442,177 population.

Michigan had 196 cheese factories in 1900.

Michigan had 273 creameries in 1900.

Wisconsin has 1,720 cheese factories.

Cuba's sugar crop for 1917 is 6,000,000 tons.

United States contains 3,520 cheese factories.

There are 5,463 creameries in the United States.

Ohio this year produced 42,810,387 bushels of wheat.

There are 21,202,000 dairy cows in the United States.

American 1900 dairy products were valued at \$473,769,412.

Australian savings bank deposits aggregate \$442,560,772.

In 1900 the number of American married women in gainful occupations was only 700,000, while in 1910 it was 1,850,000.

The Only Time.

"Some people," observed Colonel Beantone, "never stay at home except on election day, and then they overdo the thing."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

From Our House To Yours

GOES A HEARTY WISH

FOR A

MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND A

HAPPY NEW YEAR

United States National Bank

La Grande, Oregon

Spuds — Spuds — Spuds
\$1.35 \$1.35 \$1.35

NETTED GEMS, EARLY SIX WEEKS AND PEERLESS POTATOES, FINE COOKERS AND LARGE SIZE. YOUR CHOICE \$1.35 PER SACK, WEIGHING OVER 100 LBS. DELIVERED AT YOUR HOME. 10 SACK LOTS, \$1.30 PER SACK. ALSO RED AND YELLOW ONIONS, FINE QUALITY, PER SACK, \$2.25.

GET YOUR ORDER IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS THEY ARE GOING FAST

RED 1781 — PHONE ME YOUR ORDERS. — RED 1781

Clyde L. Kiddle

IN-SHOOTS

If you have no religion it is better to embrace a cult of some brand.

The wife-beater when away from home is as harmless as a guinea pig.

Socks and sweaters all seem to look alike when girls knit them for the boys at the front.

When Father Time puts his mark on our faces the other fellow always discovers it first.

The safety razor often uncovers a lot of sin.

Real patriotism will make a fellow forget that taxation is a burden.

The heart of the country editor is not always in the commitments that he pays prominent local citizens.

When the world actually gets on to the curves of the creek he has a difficult time in the effort to reform.—Chicago Examiner.

FROM NEAR AND FAR

China plans currency reform.

Australia has 78,000,000 sheep.

Canton, China, is increasing exports.

Japan will develop home steel industry.

La Plata, Argentina, has 12 daily newspapers.

Aden, Arabia, exports senna leaves to the United States.

New South Wales has 10 confectionery factories with 700 employees.

Friday Day of Ill Omen.

The Talmud, the book containing the civil laws of the ancient Jews, says that Adam was created on a Friday, died on a Friday and was thrust out of Eden on a Friday.

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 Front Laced

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

You Can Have Christmas Cheer the Year 'Round

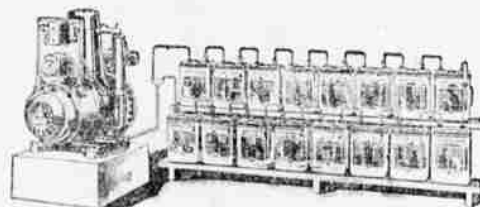
AGAIN we approach the Holiday Season. It will soon be time for us to say to one another, "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year." What a splendid time for you to decide to put into your home those things which bring help, comfort, contentment and lasting cheer for every member of the family.

DELCO-LIGHT provides bright, clean, safe electric light for the house and barn; also electric power to run the washer, cream separator and other light machinery. It brings city conveniences and modern benefits to the country home—makes the farm a better place to live and to work—and soon pays for itself in

Time and Labor saved

Nate Zwiefel

LA GRANDE, OREGON



Over 60,000 satisfied users endorse Delco-Light

There's a Salesman from Virginia



who was chewing and swapping yarns with the men on the Post Office corner. "Have a chew," says he to Jake. Jake doesn't think he's chewing unless his cheek bulges out like he had the mumps. "Call that a chew?" he snorts. "Sure!" says the

salesman. "This is Real Gravely. That small chew satisfies, and the longer you chew it the better it tastes. That's why it doesn't cost anything extra to chew this class of tobacco."

It does further—that's why you can get the good taste of this class of tobacco without extra cost.

PEYTON BRAND

Real Gravely Chewing Plug each piece packed in a pouch

U.S. GRAVELY TOBACCO CO. DAYTON, OHIO

La Grande Mattress Shop And Weaving Works

Mattress Making and Repairing, Feather Mattresses Made, Feather Renovating, Carpet and Pluff Rug Weaving

All Work Called for and Delivered CHAS. EDWARDS, Prop. ONE BLOCK EAST OF FLOUR MILL PHONE RED 1781