

# YANKS SALVAGE IMMENSE BOOTY

## German Guns Worth Many Millions Are Found in Argentine Forests

# WEAPONS ABANDONED BY FOES

## Teutons Left Artillery and Shells in Argentine Forests

Paris.—War booty valued at more than \$5,000,000, left by the Germans in their flight from the Argentine forest, the scene of America's greatest battle in the world war, has been collected by a force of negro soldiers who have been cleaning up the famous Argentine-Mesozoic sector, comprising 480 square miles.

The American engineers moved up to the battlefield soon after the armistice was signed. For miles around there was not a village or farm that was occupied.

Orders were issued to squads of American salvage engineers to pick up every gun they found, broken or in serviceable condition, as well as all war material, and place the supplies along the nearest road for collection in army trucks.

The doughboys soon made the discovery that the Germans in their flight abandoned hundreds of machine guns and even larger pieces of artillery which the Yankees, in their hurry to advance, had failed to see.

One of the discoveries made by the Americans who have completed the task of cleaning up the battlefield was the unusually large number of machine guns the Germans had installed in the Argentine forest.

In one town located in the rear of the battlefield there is a pile of late shell cases, abandoned by the Germans, that would more than fill the hold of a large ocean freighter.

Experts with the American expeditionary forces have estimated that the Yankees had captured 200 per cent more war booty in the Argentine forest than their records will show.

# SOLDIERS LAUGH AT DEATH

## Pair Stricken With Influenza on Board Ship Use Prize Ring Count

San Francisco.—A tragic story of how two British soldiers laughed at death is told in a letter received by Harry Anson, assistant manager of the Palace hotel, from a friend in Auckland, New Zealand. An extract from the letter reads:

"The transport I came home on carried two soldier pals, both of whom had influenza. After the doctor had given them up as hopeless they entertained themselves and their neighbors by counting one another out. It would have been humorous but for the awful tragedy of it; alternately, 'One-two . . . eight-nine—out—you dead yet?' or one of them failed to answer. I don't know quite how I felt about it; pity and admiration were strangely mixed."

# Soldier Beats Train

Junction City, Kan.—Trains were too slow for a certain Kansas soldier who has been away from his home at Salina for two years. When he returned to Camp Funston the other day he received a pass to spend Sunday at Salina. Instead of waiting several hours for the next train to his home town, he left the highway and was fortunate in catching an automobile ride to Salina. His good luck did not make him there, for he paid back to the road and another customer pleased him and handed him in the pass about the time the train was leaving Junction City.

# They Didn't Stay

Chicago, Ill.—Robbers forced an entrance into a house recently. They didn't stay to look around. The newly burglarized his sleeping quarters in the city.

# 'TIS SAD SHAD TALE

## Fish More Scarce in Delaware Than Ever Before.

### Many Fishermen Have Placed Nets on Rack and Quit in Discouragement.

Philadelphia.—"It's a sad shad story," said an old salt as he shook his head over his "grog" in Gloucester.

"It's a sad shad tale. In fact, it's so sad that I've quit shadding and got me a job in the shipyard. There's no money in it. Shad fishing is done forever in Delaware in my estimation."

Inquiries among the fishermen at Gloucester and Camden elicited the information that fewer shad have been caught in the river this year than ever before and the majority of the fishermen now fear the industry is a thing of the past.

Some of the men have not caught more than five fish this season, while several were found who have not averaged one shad per drift. Some of the fishermen have placed their nets on the rack and quit in discouragement. Others are utilizing them to catch herring.

At Pennsville and Bayside several "fair catches" were made at odd times during the season, but they were not "one-tenth of what was expected," although the fishermen found a ready sale for the shad at high prices. They will quit early, the fishermen say.

Planked shad dinners are now bringing \$3 per plate, with the demand far in excess of the supply.

Records of the Washington Park fishery show that the highest number of shad ever caught in one haul was about 6,000, fourteen years ago. The run of shad started to fall off in 1905.

when the United States navy commission discontinued its steamer, the Fish Hawk, coasting off the Delaware because insufficient spars was to be had to prop up the mainmast. Since that time the Thoresdale hatchery has hatched out shad, but not in large numbers, like the Fish Hawk.

# Step, Kid; Wise Janes Nab Candy, S's Poet

Philadelphia.—There are hopes for the slungwielders. One "bird" or "line" who lets go a "wise" line of "chat," is no longer a backward class, but rather far ahead of her or his time. They are speaking the coming language; no, not Esperanto, but everyday American.

Such was the claim made by Louis Entenmacher, the poet, in an address here before the Philomathean club.

He claimed that within the next 25 years there will be a distinctive American language, and pointed to Walt Whitman as the first to see beauty in slang.

# GIVES MONEY TO SOLDIERS

## Priest Declares Sons of Widow Need It More Than Does the Church.

San Francisco.—Stating that the two soldier sons of the late Mrs. Bridget Fitzpatrick are more in need of her estate than is the Catholic church, Rev. Father J. A. Colligan, trustee of St. Ignace university, has renounced a bequest of \$2,000.

"The sons of Mrs. Fitzpatrick have returned to San Francisco after 18 months in the army," said Father Colligan. "It is the belief of the trustees of St. Ignace university that the boys need this money more than the church does, and therefore we waive our claims to the bequest."

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Mrs. Fitzpatrick bequeathed her estate equally to St. Ignace university and her two sons, Edward and Joseph. By Father Colligan's action each of the young men will receive an additional \$1,000.

# Aptitude for Details

"You know Johnson—gro fellow for detail." "He is that! He's the sort of chap who would go and get married and be able afterward to tell you whether it was Mendelssohn, Lohengrin, or Tannhauser they played during the ceremony!"

# "Hail Columbia"

The music of "Hail Columbia" was originally written as a march—"The President's March"—and it is said to have been first played in Washington's presence in the old John Street theater, New York, at the time of his inauguration.

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# Bayings of Silas

A pretty woman is a thing of beauty and a joy forever—of she knows how to cook.

# GASOLINE BOILING POINTS

Contrary to the opinion held by a great many people, the real value of gasoline is not shown by the old-fashioned gravity test. This test tells nothing about the vaporizing and combusting qualities of the fuel, as has been pointed out by the National Bureau of Standards at Washington. Only the boiling point test is really efficient.

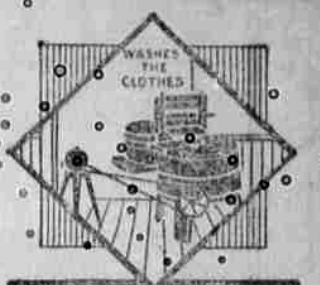
Boiling points, of course, mean exactly what the word says. That is, they are points on the thermometer at which a liquid will begin to boil. The reason why boiling points are the test of good gasoline would seem to be puzzling. A little thought, however, will make it plain. For a cold engine to start quickly the gasoline must vaporize at a low temperature. This vaporization point is, of course, the same as the boiling point. To get quick and smooth acceleration somewhat higher boiling points are necessary and for full power and long mileage the fuel must have still another higher boiling point.

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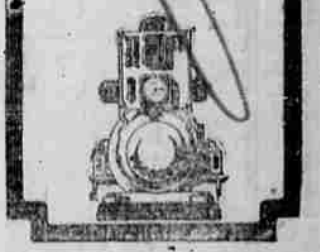
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