

DOINGS OF THE VAN LOONS



It looks like breakers ahead for Father

ENEMY BLINDED BY HIS OWN GAS

New Hun Weapon Proves to Be Double-Edged.

ARE SORRY THEY STARTED IT

Concentrated Chemical is More Deadly to Teut Savages Than to Troops on Whom it is Directed—Remains Active in Vicinity Where Shell Explodes for Long Period—Huns Suffer Severely From Own Poison.

Hun ingenuity in producing gas with which to overwhelm the enemy has not always worked out as intended or wholly to the advantage of those employing it. In the recent offensive the intensive gas shell bombardment with which the Hun precedes his attacks has had occasionally unforeseen effects upon the Germans themselves.

For the purpose of the offensive the enemy employs a shell containing a double-purpose chemical, affecting first the eyes and then the skin. It is a modification of the normal "tear gas" shell, and the usual distinctive odor is very much reduced, so that the gas is not so easily detected. Men who suffer from its effects are temporarily blinded, and close contact with the fumes produces an unpleasant skin irritation. For the average case eight or ten days' hospital treatment is necessary, but the gas is neither fatal nor does it inflict permanent injuries, for our men are not exposed to it long. So much for our side of the question.

New Weapon Two Edged.
From the Hun point of view the weapon has proved decidedly double edged. This was especially the case on the Somme during the last offensive. The chemical was so concentrated that it was markedly less volatile than the usual gas shell content, and wherever a shell exploded a considerable proportion of the charge impregnated the surrounding ground. The fumes suspended in the air dispersed fairly rapidly, but the actual site of the explosion remained virulently poisonous. In the usual way the spot where a gas shell has burst is dangerous for 48 hours or so, but this concentrated chemical remained active for a much longer period.

The result was decidedly comic, for it was evidently one of the many little things that the "grosser general staff" omitted in its calculations. The Hun artillery lathered the allied positions with gas shells in the most lavish manner. Every redoubt, support line, ruined village and road center was plastered with the stuff. The great assault was launched and the allied line yielded ground. The Huns moved up and occupied it. Their bombardment had been miles deep; their advance was in proportion.

Poisoned by Their Own Gas.
Thousands of Hun troops poured up into the gas-infected area, sat down for cover in virulently poisoned shell holes, billeted themselves in abandoned hutments sprayed with their own gas—and only began to notice the effect about six hours later! During the action our men had been exposed to the fumes for a short period, but the Huns came and in their ignorance literally stepped themselves in it.

Exhausted men lay down in the dusk on dew-wet ground where the stuff had burst; they woke later to find the venom actually corroding their bodies through their clothes. Forward machine gun units dug emplacements in innocent-looking shell holes. Two hours later the men were wandering about blind and screaming in their pain and terror.

A day or two of wet weather seemed to clear the infected areas; new troops were marched up, the remnants of the old divisions withdrawn and the terror of their own gas hushed up and forgotten. Then came the blazing sun drying up the clay and loam, heating the earth surface inches deep. The latent poison awoke again and for no apparent reason shelters and dugouts that had been safe and habitable for days became deadly as puff adders. The unsuspecting troops were overwhelmed.

The Huns are sorry that they ever started gas; still sorer that they improved it. But one can feel no pity for them. The effect on their morale is bad, for no man can tell now what terror of their own sowing lurks in the ground that they occupy at the cost of thousands of lives.

SYRUP OF APPLES

The Post has been requested to publish the formula for making syrup of apples which was given by Miss Mills last Saturday.

To 7 gallons of apple cider, add 10 tablespoons full of powdered calcium carbonate and boil rapidly for five minutes. Set aside to settle for 6 or 8 hours; add another spoonful of carbonate, boil down to syrup consistency, set aside to cool slowly until it is thoroughly settled, pour in jars and seal.

This makes a delicious syrup and can be used for table and cooking purposes; also it will save an abundance of apples that might otherwise go to waste.

NON-SINKABLE LIFEBOAT

California Invention Tried and Approved by Federal Authorities.

Built like a raft with passenger compartments on both the top and bottom so that the craft is always right side up, and equipped with a movable center weight for stability, with a self-balling device, a "non-sinkable" lifeboat recently invented by Capt. William Jacobs of San Leandro, Cal., was tried out by the federal inspectors in Oakland with very satisfactory results.

The boat was launched in the water bow first. It dived under the water, righted itself, and then took a normal position after the balling valves had emptied it of water. The inventor claims that because of the self-balling device the craft cannot sink.

ESKIMOS HELP RED CROSS

Some in Alaska Sell Furs for Friend to Aid Soldiers.

The world war has even extended to the polar regions and jarred the Eskimo into making some comforts for soldiers. It was learned through William T. Lopp, chief of the Alaskan division of the bureau of education. "The Eskimos raised money by selling furs, cutting ivory and longshoring for ships that visit their isolated homes," said Mr. Lopp, who has just reached Washington from Alaska. "One village which has been saving up for years for a sawmill and had accumulated \$180, gave \$100 of its scanty hoard," he added, to indicate the way the peaceful Eskimo is sacrificing for the savage white man.

CITY AND COUNTRY

Mesdames M. C. Williams and Geo. Carbray were Portland callers this week.

Between the Sabbath question, the end of the world and the mystic "C", life is full of argue.

J. N. Jones is having some re-pairing done on his house. Both interior and exterior will be beautified.

Harold Bell Wright's "Eyes of the World", an extra attraction at the ISIS on next Friday evening, Aug. 23.

Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Sibley of Portland were visitors at the K. C. Eldridge home this week. Mr. Sibley returned home Monday.

Mrs. A. L. Thomas is spending a fortnight at Newport. She is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hibbs at their Nye Beach cottage.

After a very enjoyable outing of ten days on the Tillamook beaches, Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Duganne returned home the first of the week.

Mrs. Lou Jones of Medford was a guest at the Verd Hill home last week. Mr. and Mrs. Hill met Mrs. Jones when on their wedding trip to Honolulu.

The work of remodeling the store building on Main street which will be occupied by the Farmers' State Bank was begun this week. All the front end has been torn down.

Tell The Post.

Eyes of the World

By HAROLD BELL WRIGHT



IN 9 REELS AND 1000 BRILLIANT SCENES
WORLD'S FINEST PRODUCTION OF A NOVEL
SIX MONTH'S MAKING AT UNLIMITED COST

ISIS THEATER
FRIDAY AUG. 23

ADMISSION 20 and 30c.

Douglas Fairbanks in "The Modern Musketeer" at the ISIS Sunday night, August 18.

Ed Lorence arrived Wednesday from Walla Walla, Wash., to visit relatives and friends in Monmouth and Independence. Mrs. Lorence has been here for several weeks.

Mrs. Mary Harvey and Mrs. Flora Burns of Pendleton were recent guests at the Verd Hill home. They were motoring to Coos county and stopped for a visit with the Hills.

Mrs. F. O. Parker has received word from her son, Harry Miller, who is in France, that he has just finished a three months medical course and has been promoted to sergeant.

Wm. Bordeaux, now living at Bridgeport, was a visitor at the C. McBeth home Sunday. Mr. Bordeaux and Mrs. McBeth are cousins and this is the first time they had met in twenty years.

Mrs. L. Crane came in from Portland Tuesday to visit relatives for a few days. She will be joined here later by her daughter, Miss Helen Eaton, and the two will leave here next Tuesday for Los Angeles to spend the winter.

Donald Stuart will answer his country's call to service some time this month. Mrs. Stuart nee Nelkie Damon has offered her services to the Government. They will no doubt accept her at once as she is said to be an excellent nurse and an expert in X-ray work.

Miss Lavilla Cooper will go to Camp Lewis in a short time to go into training for an army nurse. She has already had four months training at the Good Samaritan. Independence will claim Lavilla on its list of Student Nurses thereby going "over the top" in the quota of student nurses to be enrolled.

The lectures at the Baptist church continue to attract good crowds. Last Monday night Dr. Cady lectured on life in the South Sea Islands. He showed a hundred stereopticon views of the islands and sang songs in the native tongue.

Salem Journal: Miss Elizabeth Levy and Miss Lena Belle Tartar left Monday for Newport where they went on professional business. On the way they stopped at Corvallis for a short visit with Professor and Mrs. Tartar and while in Newport they are guests at the Damon. They are planning to return Saturday.

First Lieutenant Chas. L. Stidd of the Independence Home Guards failed to show up for drill Wednesday night and he will not be court-martialed as an 8½ pound boy arrived at his home Monday noon. The new arrival at once took command and began crying out orders that the lieutenant was bound to obey. Mr. and Mrs. Stidd are both graduates of the O. A. C. and twenty years hence Mr. Stidd, Jr. will also be.

The Butler automobile party returned home last Monday morning at 2 o'clock. The O. D. Butlers are charter members of the Owl club so thereby hangs the reason. They visited Rainier National Park, Camp Lewis and other places of interest. The J. B. V. Butlers have a son, Dr. Willis Butler, stationed at Camp Lewis. They report a delightful run the too much fog to get a good view from Rainier's summit. The party consisted of Dr. and Mrs. O. D. Butler, Prof. and Mrs. J. B. V. Butler and Jay Butler, Jr.

"EYES OF THE WORLD" IS A REAL FILM EVENT (Continued from Page 1)
selection of a "quiet" story for such a magnificent production as was anticipated for this feature. The narrative is neither spectacular nor sensational inherently, tho certain

incidents are dramatic, and some scenes elaborate, still the production has achieved a high position among the few really notable motion picture releases and the picture is quite as satisfying as the much heralded "mighty spectacles" of filmdom.

One reason is the careful selection of characters, in which Mr. Wright himself, took a part.

KINGS VALLEY

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Ayers returned from Portland Monday where he has been under the doctor's care.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Logan and son, John, went to Seattle Tuesday to visit their daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Gover Ayers visited his parents Thursday.

Mrs. Rowland Maxfield of Corvallis arrived Thursday to visit a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Ayers.

The last of the week a baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bayless Moser of Hoskins.

Mrs. Nellie Smith and children visited Wednesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tip Maxfield.

Rev. Plowman preached at the church Sunday evening.

The Red Cross of Ward will give a social Saturday evening, Aug. 17. A quilt and ice cream will be sold.

There will be a Sunday School picnic at the church grounds on Friday, Aug. 16. All are invited to come and bring lunch.

Mr. Moody, who got hurt pulling stumps, died Friday evening. He leaves a wife and three children. The funeral was held at Pedee Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Gross was also buried Saturday afternoon at the Pedee cemetery.

RICKREALL MAN EXONERATED CHARGES NOT SUSTAINED

The report of the executive committee of the Polk County Council of Defense regarding the delinquency of L. C. Sherwood, highway foreman in the Rickreall district, to purchase war savings stamps during the recent campaign, was interpreted by the county court as finding the defendant not guilty as charged by the twenty six citizens of that community, who petitioned the court to strike Mr. Sherwood's name from the payroll because of his not having possessed himself of stamps.—Polk County Observer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION TO BE HELD AT LEWISVILLE

At a Sunday School picnic to be held in the popular picnic grove at Lewisville on Sunday, August 18, several prominent speakers of the Willamette valley will speak on "Relation Between the Sunday School and the Public School"; Prof. E. C. Gardner of McMinnville will give a talk on "What a Teacher Ought to Know." Dr. J. O. Hall of Salem will deliver a sermon. Special music and conferences will be held by prominent county men and women. Paul Blackstone of Monmouth will have charge of the music.

Baptist Church Services

Rev. W. B. Stewart, Associational Pastor of Baptist churches, will conduct services in the First Baptist church of Independence next Sunday morning and evening. Everybody invited to attend both services.

Christian Church Services

Lord's Day, August 18, 1918.
Bible School at 10 A. M. Communion services at 11 A. M. Subject, "Why Partake of the Communion?" Evening preaching services begin at 8 o'clock. Subject, "Cloakes For Sin." All are invited and welcome.

M. L. Petelle, Pastor.



OVER THE TOP

(By J. D. Taylor, 246½ Yamhill St., Portland, Ore.)

Over the top was the General's command. See the enemy coming, they are near at hand. As we came to the trenches, there we could see. Some Mother's Boy on bended knee, Going over the top.

Over the top, with all their might, We see men marching, to defend the right. We passed into the trenches, in a spirit of glee. And there saw a boy on bended knee, Going over the top.

Over the top, he is listening to hear, The command of the King, that is ever near. And as he looked up, in a spirit of joy, He thanked the King, that he was some mother's boy, Going over the top.

Over the top, it may be the time, For some mother's boy to cross over the line, And then if ready, to meet his fate, It will end his war at the golden gate, For he went over the top.

Over the top, he is now above, Looking to see the ones he loved, Mother and friends are coming thru the air, To meet him and others already there, That went over the top.

Over the top, thru the gates of gold, We see the King within the fold, And hear Him say, enter into my joy, For I perceive you are some mother's boy, That went over the top.

Max Goldman

Deals in

- HIDES
- PELTS
- WOOL
- FURS
- MOHAIR
- CASCARA BARK
- VEAL
- PORK
- BEEF
- POULTRY
- BUTTER
- EGGS
- FARM PRODUCE
- WOOD
- GROCERIES
- SHOES
- FURNISHINGS
- DRY GOODS

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