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The war line-up now consists of Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey against England, France, Russia, United States, Italy, Roumania, Servia, Montenegro, Greece, Belgium, Portugal, Japan, China, Cuba and Brazil. It doesn't seem possible that Germany and its three associates can hold out much longer against such tremendous odds. With a Russian army pounding on the east side, an allied army and Italians slowly moving forward at two places on the south and a huge army consisting of French, English, Americans, Belgians and Portuguese advancing on the west front, it would appear that the end was in sight. While the American army has not yet participated in the fighting, our boys will take their places in the trenches within a few days. To further break the back of the Germans, the Allies will refuse to ship supplies and foodstuffs to the neutral nations of Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Switzerland which has in turn reached Germany. The four neutrals named have been making a handsome profit buying of the Allies and selling to Germany. This is rather hard on the neutrals, but it tightens the wall around Germany, starvation being a very efficient weapon to conquer an enemy. The German people have been on short rations for over a year and it has been thru having complete control of the food supply that the government has been able to handle the situation. We must give it credit for its shrewd manipulation in this respect. Germany had hoped to bring its enemies to their knees by a relentless and ruthless submarine warfare, but this great handicap to the success of the Allies, has been successfully overcome. The combined fleets of the Allies have been massed around England and France and its strength is telling. This great flotilla of warships will no doubt further bottle up the enemy. As the war goes on, the Allies are capturing more prisoners, who seem glad to be taken, thus indicating that the Germans are losing heart and are finally realizing that they cannot win. It looks as if the kaiser must soon give up his dream of world domination and seek such a peace as he can. Nearly a million and a half German soldiers have been killed. Wounded, starved and hemmed in on all sides by an enemy well supplied with men, money and ammunition, can even as brave and courageous a race as the German resist much longer? Germany free of its autocracy and militarism can strive and prosper at peace with all the world. The German people must see this and seek to obtain it rather than be driven further into the abyss of misery and destruction by the lash of mad rulers. The idea that the kaiser is "divine" and in partnership with God must be doubted in every home in Germany now.

Those in charge of the Liberty Loan campaign, army draft and Red Cross drive sent stereotyped letters of thanks to editors praising them for their assistance in giving the matter publicity. Not knowing which newspapers were entitled to a coat of soft soap, they were mailed to all. Thus is some newspaper, which never published a line relative to the subject, able to print one or more of these letters if it desires to attempt to deceive its readers. We hope this explanation will prove satisfactory to one of our readers who was annoyed over it.

THIS BOY ENLISTED

Fourteen, Convinced Army Officers He Was Twenty-one.

LONG PANTS DID THE TRICK.

In Spite of His Five Feet Six Inches and 160 Pounds, Mother Dressed Him in Waists and Knickers and Even in Public Called Him Freddie, Which He Resented.

Washington.—That long trousers can add seven years to life in the time it takes to put them on stands written on the army records here under the date May 2.

It was then that Frederick Miller of Baltimore broke the bonds of childhood, and he broke them with a vengeance. Up to that day there was no doubt in the minds of the neighbors that, in spite of his five feet six inches and his 160 pounds, the boy was not a day over fourteen. His mother dressed him in waists and knickers and even in public called him Freddie.

But there was more to be blamed on the knickers than the accusation of youth. They left visible the lower portion of Frederick's body, and as a considerable portion of 160 pounds was not above his waist, Frederick yearned with all his soul for a real pair of long trousers in which to hide his legs.

On May 2 Frederick came home from school to find his mother out. A negro chore man was scrubbing the windows—a real man, wearing man's clothes. When Mrs. Miller returned she found nobody in the house, and Freddie was not seen for a week. She did not know of course that the negro had gone out dressed in a waist and knickers.

Finally came a letter from Freddie saying that he was happy and was wearing army pants and leggings. The postmark was New Rochelle, so Mrs. Miller got busy. Soon Police Lieutenant Frank Cody was at Fort Slocum and Freddie was found—called Frederick—and the recruiting officers swore that if Frederick wasn't twenty-one they had never seen a man of that age. Freddie had announced he was twenty-one when he enlisted.

Lieutenant Colonel Maudlin, commander at Fort Slocum, says Freddie should stay and help win the war. But Freddie was told he must return home, and his mother said that if she couldn't call him twenty-one she could at least call him seventeen and give him a new pair of long trousers.

WILD MUSTANG FLESH.

Strange Meats Can Now Be Bought in Portland, Ore.

Portland, Ore.—Jackass, mule, donkey, burro and horse meat may now be sold in Portland meat markets. The city council has adopted an ordinance providing for the regulation of their sale.

The meat must be plainly labeled with letters at least one inch high and must be inspected by the regular meat inspectors of the city.

As adopted the ordinance says Dobbin and Billy and Maud before being sold to the housewife must undergo thorough inspection and be labeled "horse," "mule," "goat" or "jackass," as the case may be.

The first horse meat market has been opened, and the first shipment of twenty-two wild range mustangs, rounded up by Indians in eastern Oregon, has been received, with more to follow if the demand is sufficient. The butcher says he is able to cut meat prices in two, and his quotations for horse flesh range from 4 cents a pound for soup cuts to 12½ cents for T bone steaks.

MOVE TO AID INJURED.

Connecticut is First State to Standardize Its Disinfectants.

Hartford, Conn.—Governor Holcomb has signed the Austin bill providing for the standardization of disinfectants. Thus Connecticut is the first state to standardize disinfectants, a step regarded by physicians as of great importance at this time because of the war and the flood of worthless disinfectants on the market. Members of the medical profession have long insisted on such a law.

The measure was introduced and pushed to passage by Dr. A. E. Austin, a member of the state house of representatives from Greenwich. It provides that the receptacle in which disinfectants are sold shall bear a label stating the quality of the contents on the application of the proper test.

\$50 IN A BIBLE.

Woman Hides It There, but Burglar Finds It.

Pittsburgh.—Mrs. David Lyie of Homestead thought the Bible was one place a burglar would never look for money. She placed a fifty dollar bill in the family Bible, and it stood on the table in the parlor undisturbed for several months.

Recently one night thieves entered and ransacked the house. The next morning the Bible was found on the floor with several pages and the fifty dollar bill missing. The thieves apparently had been so anxious to seize the money they tore the book.

Back Streets For Gardens. Onalaska, Wis.—Use of the city's back streets for raising potatoes was authorized recently by the town council. High school boys, under direction of the county farm school, will cultivate the highways.

WHY, THAT WAS PRESIDENT ANDREW JACKSON'S FAVORITE CHEW

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BEFORE BILLY POSTER GETS THROUGH, A LOT OF OTHER PEOPLE WILL BE GETTING PARTICULAR TOO



Light as Chaff

The Pup's Demise.

Paddy Flynn was very proud of a huge bulldog he possessed. The dog accompanied Paddy everywhere he went. One day a neighbor met Paddy without the dog and looking very sad.

"Well," asked the neighbor, "how is that dog of yours going on?"

"Oh, he jabsers, he is dead! The bilgant baste went and swallowed a tape measure!"

"Oh, I see! He died by inches, then?"

"No, indeed, he didn't; he went round to the back of the house and died by the yard!"

Retort Courteous.

"Would ye do something for a poor old sailor?" inquired the seedy wanderer at the gate.

"Poor old sailor?" said the lady at work over the wash-tub.

"Yes; I followed the water for sixteen years."

"Well," said the worker, as she resumed her labors, "you certainly don't look as if you ever caught up with it!"

Disgusted.

An emigrant to a barren land took up his own holding; but, although he worked hard, he found little to reward him for his labors. One day when he was very much depressed by the situation a stranger accosted him and asked:

"Why is it that nobody fishes in the river yonder?"

"Ain't no fish," the farmer grunted.

"How is it that there are no fish in such a fine river?" asked the other.

"Stranger, if you could get out of this barren country as easy as a fish kin, do ye reckon ye'd stay?"



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