

## FRANCE WEARY BUT STILL DETERMINED

### People at Home Tired of Shuddering.

## GRIEF IS SEEN EVERYWHERE

### Intention of Quitting, However, Not in Thoughts.

## FASHION'S COLOR IS BLACK

### Will Irwin Describes Intensity of Feeling That Pervades Nation on Whom Even Hatred Seems to Begin to Pall.

BY WILL IRWIN.  
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PARIS, March 27.—France is growing mighty weary of this war, and no wonder. This is not to say that France has the slightest intention of falling into the German trap of diplomacy and quitting. I take it that the nation has gone through the same turn of psychology as the young soldier when first he goes into battle. He fears for a time; in the first few days he undergoes every human emotion. Then, drained of emotion, he settles down to an oxlike stolidity. A bullet will get him, or it will not get him. What is the use of worrying?



Will Irwin.

The one sure thing is that he will not run away. Now France feels certain of only one thing; she will not quit, whatever the event.

Nevertheless the French people, who did not want the war in the beginning, have grown weary of it, and with their perfect emotional frankness they do not hesitate to say so. They are tired of shuddering when the postman makes his rounds for fear that he will drop at the door a black-bordered government notice stating briefly that Jean or Jacques This-or-That has gone forever. They are tired of rigid, stark economies. They are tired of darkened streets and closed shops and a life that goes half-speed. They are even tired, perhaps, of hating.

Ask any candid Frenchman, and he will admit all this. But ask him if France intends to quit, and he will draw himself up to his most martial attitude and say, "Jamais de la vie!"

Color of Fashion Will Be Black.  
Early in the war a French officer heard two frivolous mondaines arguing concerning the fashionable color for 1915. He interrupted to say: "Mesdames, the color of France this year will be black!"

Time has fulfilled his prophecy, and there is more to follow. Black, black, wherever you go, in the streets, the shops, the churches, even the cafes. The women in colors are the exception. Even they, by a kind of spiritual tact, wear low, subdued greens and blues that they may not mock the mourning of the others. Though the French, with their innate superficial courtesy, always speak cheerfully to the stranger, you catch glimpses which prove the mourning which lies underneath the surface.

Last Saturday I noticed from a cab window a group of women and children standing in a doorway. Two of the women were weeping bitterly. The others stood by, weeping also or trying to comfort the mourners; a child of 5 or so clung to its mother's skirts, looking up with eyes which were beginning to hold understanding. And a half a block down the street traveled the postman.

### Grief Seen in Churches.

If you would truly understand the spirit of grief which underlies all France you must visit the churches. There, before the altars of the common faith, the French people show their souls as they are.

I had heard something of the old Church of Notre Dame des Victoires. Before a certain wonder-working statue of the Madonna in this church, French officers are wont to vow their swords in case they return alive. I went in the spirit of the tourist, to see this sight. I have no sooner entered the door than I began to feel like an impudent intruder.

A mass was proceeding, and, although this was a week day, the church was almost filled with women and a few old men. Not three women among them all were weeping, but each kneeling chair, which serve for pews in Continental churches close up to the altar, which showed an utter abandonment to grief and prayer. Before the altar burned great sheafs of tall candles, each lit by some devotee, and each representing some life out there on the line. Beneath these candles were growing up stands of swords—votive offerings of soldiers so badly wounded as to be useless for further military purpose, but still alive and grateful. Over the whole scene there brooded...

## TURKS DEFEATED AGAIN BY INDIANS

### FORCE OF 15,000 Routed BY BAYONET ATTACK.

### Victors' Losses Are 700 Men, Due to Fire From Hidden Trenches, Which Are Captured.

LONDON, April 16.—The British India troops have inflicted another defeat on the Turks in the vicinity of Shal Ba, Mesopotamia, between the Euphrates and Tigris rivers, although at a considerable loss to themselves, their casualties being about 700. This announcement was made by the India office in an official report issued tonight.

The report said that after clearing the Turks out of their positions north and west of Shal Ba last Tuesday, the British continued their offensive Wednesday in the direction of Zober, four miles south of the Shal Ba fort. The Turks were driven out of the advanced position, and the British attack was then directed against their main line near the Birlhlysh wood. "Here," continues the report, "the enemy, whose strength is estimated at least 15,000, including six regular battalions, with six guns, had occupied a series of well-concealed trenches, from which they were able to direct a heavy rifle and machine gun fire on our advance troops."

"Nevertheless, our attack drove the enemy out of his trenches at the point of the bayonet, and the whole line of his position was finally captured, though not without heavy loss to our side."

"The casualties are believed to amount to about 700 men of all ranks. On the other hand, the Turks were so severely handled that they retired to Nakhaliah, 19 miles northwest of Zober."

## WHITE ANGLERS NOT LIKED

### Klamath Indians to Take Steps for Regulation on Reservation.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., April 16.—(Special.)—That certain regulations governing fishing by white people in streams of the Klamath Indian reservation may be declared this year is the statement of Indian Agent William B. Freer. There has been some talk of this among the Indians of the reserve, who think that their treaty rights are being trampled upon by the white anglers indiscriminately taking fish from their streams.

Until a few years ago it was necessary to obtain permits from the agent and that rule may be made effective again. The greatest cause for complaint is said to be the depredations of creel fishermen who tear down the fences, leave gates open or use old fences and buildings for fuel.

## PLEA MADE FOR APPLES

### American Consul in London Asks for Special Treatment of Ships.

LONDON, April 16.—An appeal was made to the Procurator-General today by Robert P. Skinner, American Consul-General in London, for special treatment for ships detained in British ports which carry American apples, because of the perishable nature of these cargoes. Mr. Skinner said that thousands of Oregon and Washington apple-growers would suffer heavily unless these detained cargoes were released promptly.

The American steamer *Seagrana* and the Norwegian steamer *Albia*, *Laland* and *Kronprins Olaf*, all from New York with cargoes of apples, are among the detained ships.

## FLOWERS TO AID GERMANY

### Butter Substitute to Be Made From Sunflowers, Is Report.

LONDON, April 16.—The production of margarine from sunflowers is the latest device attributed to the German government to meet the expected scarcity of butter, according to a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Amsterdam. The message says that the Prussian minister of revenues has ordered all station masters to plant sunflowers in every bit of available ground around the stations.

Sunflowers, it is said, yield an oil that can be used in the manufacture of a butter substitute.

## DRILL TOWER IS PROPOSED

### Building of Seven Stories Planned for Firemen's Practice.

A tower seven stories in height and 20 feet square is to be erected by the fire bureau at East Third and East Pine streets as a drilling place for firemen. Mayor Albee said yesterday that he would bring the proposition before the City Council.

The tower will be fitted with standpipes, fire escapes, windows and all other fire arrangements found of buildings. Firemen will drill on the tower instead of on buildings as heretofore. The tower will cost about \$2500.

## LIGHTNING KILLS MOTORIST

### Cloudburst Causes Slight Damage at Tonopah, Nev.

TONOPAH, Nev., April 15.—Frank Rothschilder was struck by lightning and killed while riding on a motor truck on the road from Goldfield today. B. McIntosh, who was riding with him, was hurled 20 feet into a sage brush. Rothschilder was struck in the head and his clothes were set on fire. The blaze was extinguished by McIntosh. There was a cloudburst here today but so far as reported tonight the damage was slight.

## EASTERN BORDER IS ONE VAST FORTRESS

### Germans Are Intrenching Frontier.

## PLAINS CLEARED OF RUSSIANS

### No Drives Back Across Line to Be Permitted.

## BITTER HARD WORK DONE

### Everything Seems to Have Been Thought Of That Will Make Defense Complete—Remarkable Records Being Made.

BY JAMES O'DONNELL BENNETT.  
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MLAWA, Russia, March 3.—Germany is doing the intrenching of its frontier on Russian territory now as well as on its own.

From south to north the great key cities of the eastern borders of the empire, Breslau, Posen, Thorn, Graudenz and Koeningberg—are protected and connected by a marvelous system of field fortifications which make the whole region practically impregnable.

And far to the east and to the south of the curving boundary the fields of Russia are being cut up with trenches by German troops occupying such important towns as this one of Mlawka, which lies four miles over the border.

## Russians Being Driven Back

The plains to the south and east of Mlawka have been cleared of Russians for a good ten miles. The distance is being increased by a few kilometers every few days, and the boom of the guns grows fainter and fainter.

So far as I can gather the situation, the Germans are driving the Russians back on the fortified town of Prasnysch, some 20 miles to the east and a little south of us. The more I study this northern scene of operations in connection with the activities 70 miles to the south, whence I have just come, the more I begin to wonder whether the Germans are not planning to take Prasnysch, clear the ground well to the east of that point, and then drop southeast and come in on the back of Warsaw.

## Grand Circle Seems Possible

That would relieve the troops in the Bolimow-Rawka region (the "triangle of death") of carrying the whole of the terrible burden of the drive against Warsaw—a drive that, if it is directed solely from the west, must involve heavy sacrifices of men.

Prasnysch is only 50 miles north of Warsaw. If the troops now clearing the ground to the east of Mlawka can get well beyond Prasnysch and then make a grand circle to the south, and...

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### Manager Thinks Men Need Not Always Remain Unskilled.

## LOWLY BEGINNING TOLD

### Man Who Started at \$1.75 a Day Testifies He Saved More in Proportion Than He Does Now as Head of Plants.

CHICAGO, April 16.—The Chicago hearing of the United States Commission on industrial relations, begun two weeks ago, was concluded today with a fitting glance at working conditions and wages in local packing houses.

The chief witnesses were J. Ogden Armour, president of Armour & Co., and director on the boards of several railroads and banks, and J. E. O'Hara, his superintendent of plants.

Most of the questions directed at Mr. Armour had been submitted to him in advance and he repeated the questions and read the answers rapidly from a typewritten document.

## BENEDICT IS "WANTED"

### Albany Friends of R. M. Russell to Make Homecoming Event.

ALBANY, Or., April 16.—(Special.)—Pacards offering a reward of \$50 for R. M. Russell, "married or single," have been posted upon various street corners, in the window of a leading bank and at the Southern Pacific depot in this city. They typify one of the means of revenge of some of the county officers and deputies upon Mr. Russell, who is County Clerk, for writing his own marriage license and being wedded last Wednesday without telling anyone of his plans.

In anticipation of Mr. Russell's return with his bride, the County Clerk's office has been decorated with placards, old shoes and gifts of useful household utensils.

## TURKS SUNK BY RUSSIANS

### Batteries on Asia Minor Coast Also Attacked by Destroyers.

PETROGRAD, via London, April 16.—An official report given out today says: "Yesterday in the Black Sea our destroyers sank off the Anatolia coast several steamers, two of which were laden with coal, and several sailing vessels, and also exchanged fire with the *Sunsuldak* (Asia Minor) batteries."

## Friday's War Moves

CHOOSING daylight for their operations, German aviators yesterday raided English towns for the first time in 48 hours.

The hostile aircraft came over the County of Kent, where they were dropped. The only material damage was only material.

Meanwhile battles are proceeding on the Continent. Although a thaw has set in on the Carpathians and the roads have been turned into mud and districts are inundated by swollen streams, the fighting continues. The Russians report that they have taken further heights in the mountain ranges and repulsed attacks in the vicinity of Rostoki and also in the direction of the Strzy, where the Austro-Germans were attempting an outflanking movement. The Austrians make similar assertions and disclose the fact that the Russians have been attacking also in Southeast Poland and Western Galicia, apparently with a view to preventing the Austrians from sending any more reinforcements into the Carpathians.

In the west comparative calm prevails following the reported French victory north of Arras, which would give them another point of vantage from which to launch an offensive when the chosen moment arrives.

The British Indian office reports that the Indian troops had inflicted another defeat on the Turks, who have gathered a large force of regulars and irregulars to oppose them in Mesopotamia, while the Russians again have been harassing Turkish commerce on the Black Sea by sinking four steamers and several sailing vessels and bombarding Asia Minor coast forts.

## AUCTION SALES VARIED

### Vancouver Owners Offer Many Kinds of Goods for Bids.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 16.—(Special.)—Vancouver's first auction day at the public market on Fifth street today was a great success and was attended by probably 1000 persons.

It is estimated that from \$1000 to \$2000 worth of goods changed hands. Automobiles, horses, teams, chickens, ducks, beds, plants, stump pullers and various kinds of farm furniture were offered. Another public auction will be held a month from today.

Before the sale, W. S. Wood, auctioneer, called upon Henry Cross, E. E. Beard, Edward Corran, E. O. Highland and J. C. English, who all advocated closer relations between the city and country.

## GORGAS' TRIP IS OPPOSED

### Secretary of War Fears Complications in Event of Aid to Serbia.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—Secretary Garrison made it plain tonight that he would be opposed to having Major-General Gorgas, Surgeon-General of the Army, accept a proposal from the Rockefeller Foundation to go to Serbia to fight typhus fever unless the officer should resign his commission in the Army.

Mr. Garrison takes the position that should General Gorgas go to Serbia as a retired officer, in which capacity he would still be under the jurisdiction of the War Department, a situation would be created which might lead to trouble.

The avoidance of any such situation, the witness said, has been his steady purpose in dealing with Army officers sent to Europe since hostilities began.

## HUERTA'S STAY PROTESTED

### Many Mexicans in United States Urge Deportation or Arrest.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—Protests against the continued presence in the United States of General Huerta, ex-provisional president of Mexico, have been received at the White House. It was learned tonight, in large numbers within the last few days. Most of them came from Mexican residents in this country.

Some asked that General Huerta be deported, others that he be arrested and still others that he be tried for various alleged crimes.

The protests were sent either to the State or Labor departments, as their nature indicated, without comment from President Wilson.

## FLOOD DESTROYS BRIDGES

### Santa Fe Span Over Little Colorado in Arizona Is in Danger.

HOLBROOK, Ariz., April 16.—With the destruction of three bridges yesterday and today, the Little Colorado River flood passed this point tonight. Proffers of aid from Phoenix, the state capital, elicited the response that so far as known none of the 3000 residents of the flood-swept area is in actual distress.

The crest of the flood has passed westward toward Winslow, and Santa Fe officials at that point tonight were guarding a bridge three miles east of the town.

Woodruff, which was flooded last night, appears to have suffered most.

## MAN KILLS HIS MOTHER

### Slayer Calmly Informs Father, Then Commits Suicide.

LONG BEACH, Cal., April 15.—Ulysses Clarkson, aged 26, shot and killed his mother, Mrs. Alice Clarkson, aged 59, today, and then committed suicide. Mrs. Clarkson was shot in the back of the head.

After killing his mother, Clarkson calmly informed his father of the deed, and then fired a bullet into his own brain. Letters Clarkson left indicated that he had become mentally unbalanced.

## POWER COMPANY'S EARNINGS ARE CUT

### Unregulated Competition Is Blamed.

## PLEA MADE TO COMMISSION

### Extension of Railway 18 Miles to Sandy Projected.

## FRANCHISE IS NOT VALUED

### President Griffith Says Jitneys and Lighting Opponent Reduce Receipts \$100,000 Each Month, Despite Improvements.

SALEM, Or., April 16.—(Special.)—Declaring that the company's earnings virtually were at a standstill as a result of unregulated jitney bus competition, unnecessary lighting competition and the business depression, Franklin T. Griffith, president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, closed the testimony today in the hearing by the State Railroad Commission to determine the value of the properties of the corporation.

Adjustment of rates is the purpose of the investigation, which has been in progress for three months. The corporation is the largest in Oregon, and the Commission has more than 3000 pages of testimony.

Extensions Are Planned.  
Mr. Griffith announced that the company planned building a railroad either from Cottrell, on the Mount Hood line, or Boring, on the Cascade line, through Sandy for a distance of 18 miles. He said that men, whose names he was not at liberty to divulge, were negotiating with the company for the construction of the line.

"There are 400,000,000 feet of the finest timber in the world six miles from Sandy, and these men want to market it in Portland," continued Mr. Griffith.

## Settlements Held in Absence

Mr. Griffith predicted that the jitney bus competition soon would adjust itself automatically, but he warned the Commission that proposed extensions and betterments of the corporation rested largely with the decision reached by the board.

"I wish to impress upon this Board," said the railway head, "that it has three duties to perform in making its final decision as to values and rates. It should consider the rights of the public, the operatives and the stockholders. The company has 1000 stockholders and 6000 bondholders."

## Earnings Declared Lower

He declared that the company, without impairing its service, but through perfecting its system, had greatly reduced operating expenses. Notwithstanding that, he continued, the gross earnings are \$100,000 a month less than they were one year ago. Competition and increased fixed charges were the causes assigned for the condition. The company, to economize, said the president, had not painted its cars since last August.

Asserting that the company had paid much more for franchisees than their actual value, Mr. Griffith said he doubted if any legitimate franchise should cost more than \$10,000. He declared that economists now held to the theory that corporations should not have to pay for the right to do business and that it was an old notion that franchisees had actual value.

## Franchise Views Given

"The Legislature not so many years ago," continued the witness, "had this conception when it passed a law authorizing franchises on the same basis as real property. No man has a right to capitalize a franchise, which he obtains today, against the public."

The railway man said that the land owned by the company on the East Side of the river from Hawthorne avenue to the Oaks, was not so valuable as has been thought. It was used now, he said, principally for logging operations, the logs being floated down the river and held there until they were transported over the company's line to the paper mills at Oregon City.

## Water Frontage Valued Lightly

The waterfront property, he said, was of little use for any other purpose at present, although he admitted that with the development of the port the property would become valuable for other purposes.

The president announced that the Crown-Williamette Paper Company had asked the railway company to furnish it a site on the West Side of the river, near station B, upon which to erect a hydro-electric plant, but that the company hesitated to grant the request. He believed that the paper company eventually would need a great amount of power, and there would not be sufficient for both corporations and explained the water rights of the railway company at the falls at Oregon City.

## TROOPS GO TO TRENTINO

### Austria Removes Men From Serbian Frontier, Says Report.

GENEVA, via London, April 15.—The announcement is made in Geneva that Austrian troops are being sent to Trentino. Many already have passed through Salzburg.

A NICE, COOL PLACE TO SPEND THE SUMMER.

NO THANKS I FEEL SAFER UP HERE

PEACE THE MOON

MADE IN ?

DOMINATION

TERMS

THE EARTH