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THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND NAVY

America is now one of the great military powers of the earth. In less than a year she has been transformed from a nation over-ridden by pacifists, with an army of less than 90,000 men and a navy of about 50,000, into a true State of Mars.

Figures and facts are solicitously shielded behind the hand of the censor who will not let it be known how many men are under arms or their precise disposition, who conceals troop movements and pretends deafness when asked regarding commissary supplies and munitions.

Nobody that will tell knows how many airmen or machines flying the colors of Columbia now wing their way against the Huns. We do know that airplane motors have been standardized, and that the Liberty motor is considered the best that the war has developed.

Our army and navy are not filled with the sweepings of the street. The choicest young men of the land are there, and in this modern army and navy a man must be more than a soldier. He must be a gentleman. Not merely a man of manners, but a man of brains, for warfare today is something more than hacking and bawling an enemy; no, it is controlling the finest of mechanical engines, the using of high engineering faculties, making the nicest of calculations and doing the work with incredible rapidity in the presence of extreme danger.

In the great drive that the forces of liberty will make with the spring on the German fronts, America's army and navy, now seasoned and ready, will be given a responsible part. Our troops are constantly moving across the sea. In what numbers is not known, but the movement is steady, and the thunderbolt that falls from America may be the deciding impact in crumbling the German lines.

sign a treaty of peace with Germany. Russia is about to sign or has signed a treaty of peace with the Germans. Take your choice.

Russia; both yellow and red.

What many of the children most desire is a number of schoolless days.

Now is the time to give the spring garden seed catalogue the once over.

Almost anything may happen in Russia—in fact, almost anything may be happening.

A good way to stop the tobacco habit is to smoke some of the cigars that now retail for a nickel.

Whale meat may become a favorite dish, but no Jonah will be allowed at the banquet table.

Another thing we are not worried about in Salem is the kids hitching their sleds on behind motor cars.

Even if the government is running the railroads, the conductors refuse to accept postage stamps for fare.

But there was no one to enforce Hooverism on those who partook of the first Boston tea party. Everybody was allowed to take at least two lumps.

Premier Orlando puts the case in a nutshell when he says, "So far as Italy is concerned the continuation of the war is no longer a matter of choice but of necessity."

Russia decides to fight the invading hosts of Germany. Russia decides to not fight. Russia will not

told to go and do likewise. In order to meet aerial possibilities, such as we have happily not been called upon to face, Mr. Selfridge originated bomb-proof cellars for the customers of the establishment to shop in. Even under such grim conditions he did not lose sight of the maxim that advertising brings customers.

MONEY-MAKING.

The discovery has been made by scores of rich men that money-making yields a poor brand of happiness as compared with unselfish service for others. Washington is today full of men who for the first time are really enjoying life. They are experiencing a new joy and ecstasy and enthusiasm. The business giants who have voluntarily enrolled in the service of the nation are working with greater energy, industry and driving power than they ever worked before.

GIVING 'EM OUR MONEY.

It is now declared that it will be necessary for the government to advance \$1,000,000,000 to the railroads to rehabilitate them so that they may reach the highest point of effectiveness. A billion dollars! What do the old-fashioned Democrats who have been accustomed to cuss the railroads think of that?

THE SMILEAGE BOOKS.

One of the startling developments of the great world war is the loss of morale among the soldiers of the different European armies. The Russian army is paralyzed; workmen on munitions have laid down their tools in Austria; now we learn that one hundred and sixty thousand men of the Turkish army refuse to go further. What lesson does this teach? We have no fear of any weakness ever developing in the hearts of our brave boys who have rallied to the cause of the Stars and Stripes, but what are we going to do to show our appreciation? This nation has now called out approximately one million boys, the great majority of whom were still at home. They have patriotically, and yet many of them with heavy hearts, bid a fond farewell to their parents, brothers and sisters.

The average American boy enjoyed three things—his home surroundings, his best girl, and the theatre. Of the first two he is deprived, but, thank heaven, the third can be given to him, and it should be the best he can afford.

Are we going to make him take a portion of his army pay for this amusement? By all means, no. No such opportunity has presented itself for those at home to show their thoughtfulness and feeling for the boys who are going to the front, as to furnish them with free admission tickets to enjoy the camp theatres.

The Smileage Book is a practical, noble and patriotic work. No man or woman in the nation should be outside the list of subscribers. Show the boys that we are with them and there will be no danger of any loss of morale in the army of the United States, no matter what the duration of the war may be.

ADDELINA PATTI 75 YEARS OLD. Adalina Patti, in private life the Baroness Cederstrom, celebrated her seventy-fifth birthday anniversary yesterday. From all quarters of the globe went messages of greeting to her London home to remind the once incomparable song-bird that her devotees have never forsaken her worship.

Tens of thousands of persons on both sides of the Atlantic are still able to recall the thrills they experienced.

FUTURE DATES

February 18 to 21.—Campaign for sale of smileage books. February 21, Thursday.—Christian Science lecture at Grand Opera house. February 22, Friday.—Washington's birthday. February 23 and 24.—Basketball tournament of interscholastic high school league of Willamette valley, Willamette gymnasium.

February 25 to 28.—Western Oregon convention of Christian Endeavor society, Eugene. March 3, Sunday.—Louis Albert Banks to conduct prohibition ratification mass meeting at First Methodist church.

March 15, Friday.—Military tournament by Company A, high school cadets, at armory.

March 17, Friday.—Primary nominating election.

March 17, 18 and 19.—Laymen's Missionary convention, Salem.

perienced while listening to the "divine Patti," the "divine Adalina," whose soul-moving voice, whose heart-thrilling expressiveness, could stir up an audience to such a pitch of feeling as to cause men and women to stand up, wildly wave their handkerchiefs, and, although perfect strangers to one another, to embrace one another in a sort of insane hysteresis.

Adelina Patti, who sang to perfection before she could speak articulately, had a brilliant career of more than half a century on the operatic and concert stage. She was born of Italian parents at Madrid on February 19, 1843. Her father, Salvatore Patti, a native of Catania, in Sicily, was of noble extraction, and a musician of considerable eminence. Her mother was the daughter of a celebrated Roman teacher of singing—Signor Chiesia—and early in life took a high position on the operatic stage under the professional name of Barilli. Of the children of the Patti-Barilli marriage, all of whom were remarkable musically, Adalina was the youngest.

When she was still an infant in arms, her parents migrated from Europe to America, and it was in New York that Adalina's musical talent developed itself precociously. Before completing her fifth year she revealed a remarkable aptitude for overcoming the technical difficulties with which the prevailing school of florid vocalization was overlaid. She was certainly the most remarkable "infant phenomenon" of the late forties. At the age of seven she sang for the first time in public.

When Adalina's childish triumphs had reached their apogee she was prudently withdrawn from the concert-room, in order to go through a course of voice training which lasted for a little over eight years. Her first singing-master was Ettore Barilli, her mother's half-brother, who was succeeded by Maurice Strakosch. Nothing could be more admirable than the results of instruction imparted to her by these accomplished teachers. But some of the eminent musicians who heard her sing during her untutored childhood openly avowed their conviction that Adalina Patti would have been a great songstress even if she had never received a single lesson in vocalization.

At the age of fifteen and a half, Adalina made her public appearance in New York, this time on the operatic stage, in the role of Lucia (Nov. 24, 1859), and achieved a tremendous success. During the ensuing eighteen months she sang the heroines of the more popular operas of Bellini and Donizetti, and carried all before her in the American metropolis.

It was not until the spring of 1861 that a fairly remunerative engagement, offered to her by Frederick Gye, then lessee of the Royal Italian Opera in London, tempted her to cross the Atlantic, and to bid for the favor of a public at that time notoriously the most difficult to please in Europe. When, on May 14, 1861, she made her first appearance, as Amina, in "Sonnambula," on the huge Covent Garden stage, only a favored few, personal friends of Gye, to whom he had confided his own impressions of "the little American girl's" vocal capacities, had the faintest idea of the revelation that was awaiting them. From her first appearance Adalina Patti's reputation was firmly established in England.

For over twenty years Patti sang at Covent Garden, and filled it to overflowing whenever she appeared. Her annual earnings between 1861 and 1881 averaged from \$150,000 to \$175,000, and rose still higher during each of the years in which she made professional tours of North and South America. Her share of the profits resulting from her visit to Argentina in 1888, for instance, amounted to nearly \$250,000. In 1909 the famous singer celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of her debut as an operatic singer. At that time, which was some years after her permanent retirement from the stage, it was estimated that her voice had earned for her not less than \$4,000,000.

Sure Way To Get Rid of Dandruff

There is one sure way that never fails to remove dandruff completely and that is to dissolve it. This does not mean that you should use any of those four ounces of plain, ordinary liquid arvon; apply it at night when retiring; use enough to moisten the scalp and rub it in gently with the finger tips.

By morning, most, if not all, of your dandruff will be gone, and three or four more applications will completely dissolve and entirely destroy every single sign and trace of it, no matter how much dandruff you may have.

You will find, too, that all itching and digging of the scalp will stop instantly, and your hair will be fluffy, lustrous, glossy, silky and soft, and look and feel a hundred times better. You can get liquid arvon at any drug store. It is inexpensive, and four ounces is all you will need. This simple remedy has never been known to fail.

BIG BARGAINS AT THE CLOSING OUT SALE

Grid of various goods and prices: Gingham (14c yard), Large Boxes of Tooth Picks (4c Box), Matches (5c Box), Whisk Brooms (15c), Lace (35c), Wire Hair Pins (9c for Large Boxes), Embroideries (1c yard), Dotted Swiss (15c yard).

SHOES From our regular stock, values to \$5.00, now \$2.95 Large assortment to choose from. Stockton logo.

IN A SOCIAL WAY

An interesting display which will become part of Salem's war history and which generations to come will probably delight in telling of is the gift box for the soldiers of Company M, some of the articles of which are shown in the windows of the Salem Woolen Mills store on North Commercial street.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Frosty nights, clear days. A starch factory, of course. Salem must not miss the chance to get a starch factory.

rule that would by comparison to the old days of the czar seem memories of heaven on earth.

Sixteen German airplanes were counted for by the British on Sunday, and they also bombed the navy and air bases at Zebrugga. That, going some. And the real battles of the air are only beginning.

The activities of the cadets at West Point are curtailed because of an epidemic of German measles, being rather foolishly called "Liberty measles." Why in the name of common sense, should this country deem to assume responsibility for that disease? Let the Germans have all the credit there is in the pesky thing.

A Sign of Danger! Dandruff and live hairs can't come together without T-R-O-U-B-L-E HERPICIDE Kills Dandruff Germ

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