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IRISH.

My father and mother were Irish
 And I am Irish, too;
 I pipe you my bag of whistles,
 And it is Irish, too.
 'Twill sing with you in the morning
 And play with you at noon,
 And dance with you in the evening
 To a little Irish tune.
 For my father and mother were Irish
 And I am Irish, too,
 And here is my bag of whistles,
 For it is Irish, too.
 —Edward J. O'Brien.

IS THERE A LEATHER CORNER?

COMPLAINT has been made to the federal trade commission by the commissioner of agriculture in the state of Washington to the effect western cattlegrowers are not receiving a square deal in marketing their hides. It is asserted that while eastern prices of leather are high western store houses are filled with hides for which there are no buyers. The commissioner says the price for hides is lower than at any previous time during the last five years.

If such statements are true then indeed does the situation call for action by the federal trades commission. The consumer and the merchant are called upon to pay increased prices for shoes on the alleged ground that leather is scarce. Most people have been accepting that explanation as true because it is plausible. If on the contrary the leather price is being boosted by profiteering methods it is time for the country to know it and to get to the seat of the trouble. The nation has serious work ahead

and cannot afford to have its strength sapped by monopolistic leeches.

SUGAR OR VICTORY?

IN the personal side of the sugar controversy, of which so much was made by Senator Reed and his associates, Mr. Hoover contents himself with a reference to the numerous trade jealousies with which he has had to deal, but he points out that conflicting interests have been consulted, that nearly all of them have entered voluntarily into war service, and that the result has been much cheaper sugar than otherwise could have been had, considering the shortage.

This shortage of course, is due to war. Supplies from enemy countries are cut off. The East and West Indies and the United States must meet the requirements of the allies, which means that in a restricted way the West Indies and the United States must do it. We have diverted sugar from Cuba to England and France, where it was desperately needed, but if our consumption is to remain at fifty-five pounds a person each year, we must for our own uses import from Java, and pay a shameful price in ships and money. Great Britain's sugar ration is twenty-four pounds a year; France's thirteen pounds. There is no alternative for us but economy, economy of shipping as well as economy of sugar, and Mr. Hoover finds few signs of economy in sugar.

A question more vital, therefore, than the animosities of the sugar trade or the meanness of Senator Reed's committee in its attack upon Mr. Hoover is this: Do we, the sugar gluttons of the world, prefer sweets at home to soldiers on the firing-line? If not, then we must reduce our reckless consumption of sugar. Every ship we send for sugar deprives men of transportation to the front. We can have sweets in cake and in candy or we can have the sweets of victory. Which shall it be?—New York World.

Jane Addams is talking of a new internationalism to rise after the war but the question is whether it shall be in internationalism of the Prussian brand or an internationalism of a variety that will make democracy safe and insure the people of the world the blessings of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Pacifists who talk about internationalism instead of helping with the war are on a par with the hen who counts her prospective chicks before she has laid enough eggs for a setting.

Some eastern newspapers are dreadfully worried over that prohibition amendment; after the amendment has been adopted and the saloon driven from business the east will find people have more money with which to purchase food and clothing.

McAdoo is going at his railroad management task with the energy of a man who knows and knows that he knows; he is the sort of man to trust and follow in times like these.

While the east is in the grip of the storm king the northwest is enjoying all the pleasures of spring—thump, thump on wood.

Let our first resolve be to lick the kaiser no matter how long or how hard the job may be.

REALTY TRANSFERS

Needs.
 Jack E. Keefe et ux to J. T. Hinkle \$1,000, N 1-2 NE 1-4 section 2, township 2 north, range 29.
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NEW FRENCH CAVALRY ENTERS THE WAR AFTER THREE YEARS



This photograph is the first indication of a radical change in the method of European warfare that has prevailed for three years. It shows French cavalry starting out on patrol

along the Aisne. Not since the first months of the war when the French horsemen were known as cuirassiers and wore heavy and unwieldy metal armor over the upper part of the

body, and the Germans sent forth their Uhlans, has cavalry operated extensively. Now, however, it is predicted that the fighting will be more open, and cavalry will come more into use.

FAIRY STORY BOOK WINS HIGH PRAISE

OTO E. Bergman to Anna E. McNahan \$500, Lot 8 and W 1-2 lot 5 block 2 Herndon.
 Alma Myrick et vir to Alta Field \$75, lot 12, block 3 Livermore Add.
 S. J. Moore et ux to Wm. Rogers \$2000, Fractional SW 1-4 SW 1-4 section 6, township 4 north, range 29.
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 Moses Investment Co. to M. S. Wintler, \$10, block 26 Hazel addition Pendleton.

NIGHT FIRING HELPS MEN OF GRAND FLEET

CONTINUOUS PRACTICE KEEPS MIGHTY BRITISH NAVY FROM GETTING 'RUSTY'

WITH THE GRAND FLEET, Nov. 24.—Embossed in the captain's guest chamber, kolling in an arm chair, warmed by an electric heater, flooded by electric light, having only to step into a perfectly appointed bathroom, one is likely to think himself settled in a huge floating hotel—rather, when he makes his way to the cheery wardroom, in an exclusive club where comfort is the prime consideration. Fortunately, in the interest of right perspective, an invitation came early on my first evening to witness a little of the ship's real work. There was to be about an hour's practice in night firing from the small caliber guns with reduced charges, and the gun decks were to be under command of midshipmen, as might easily be the case some dark night, when a German submarine or other lurking craft must be summarily disposed of.

Many Cogs in the Wheel.
 In borrowing seaboots I left the warmth and chatter of the wardroom and climbed to the chilly gun deck where the dimmest of dim lights here and there showed every one silently at his post. I climbed further, to the upper bridge passing more men posted at 10 m. mysterious stations. There I found another set of men each at his appointed station and it struck me that a surprising number of cogs were required for this comparatively simple operation. What impressed me were the silence and the semi-darkness; no one spoke unnecessarily, and then in subdued tones; a mass of clouds obscured the moon, but later it shone out, adding greatly to the difficulty or accurate aim. The ship was steaming imperceptibly down the spacious harbor. Suddenly a starboard searchlight flashed its blinding beam far across the whitened waves. It groped a few seconds, and then rested on a small target, holding it as in a vise. Almost immediately a sharp command rang out in a treble voice, and three guns spoke almost in unison, then three more, and more, and more as the afterguns began to roar, and the salvo became practically continuous. The water close about the target was lashed into geyzers of spray by the bursting shells. Then with equal suddenness the searchlight was extinguished—darkness and silence supervened.

Other Side Tries for Hits.
 The ship went about and the performance was repeated from the port side. It was agreed that this side was somewhat quicker on the trigger than the starboard lot, and a 50 score accurate in aim, but that the men were decidedly slower in opening after the searchlight picked up the target, the ideal being to fire almost simultaneously with that event. Criticism, however, was couched in terms of seconds, and to a layman the whole affair was remarkable for its rapidity. It was intrinsically so; six shots (salvo) is acknowledged as fair, rapid seen by the navy, and these midshipmen managed to do a trifle better than that.

This is the best of things that is continuously going on among these ships.

RUSSIANS SOON FREE AMERICAN

Smith of St. Louis Released After Few Hours' Detention.
 PEETICOPRETT, Dec. 29.—Charles Smith of St. Louis, a member of the American railway commission, in Finland, Siberia, was released after a few hours of detention, according to a dispatch reaching the American embassy here.

FAIRY STORY BOOK WINS HIGH PRAISE

CLEVER TALES BY E. GERALDINE BERKELEY PROVIDE TREASURE HOUSE OF ROMANCE.

OF more than passing interest to Pendletonians is a clever child's story book which has been on the market for a number of weeks, entitled "Fun With the Fairies." The author, E. Geraldine Berkeley, was born in Pendleton and raised here.

The old DeSpain home where she was born stood at the corner of Court and Thompson streets. Her father, Jeremiah (Jerry) DeSpain, was one of the early pioneers of this section and was one of the first if not the very first man to demonstrate the great productiveness of the "dry" land north of Pendleton. He was a contemporary in farming and stock-raising with R. G. Thompson, Jacob Praxler, the Switzlers and others well known to the early days of this country.

Mrs. Berkeley now lives at Hay Creek in Jefferson county where her husband, C. C. Berkeley, is manager of the Baldwin Sheep Co. She is a sister of Mrs. Norburn Berkeley of this city.

Her book, published by Sherman, French & Co., of Boston, has received very high praise from the reviewers, and found a ready sale during the Christmas season. It is a delightful story of the experiences of Emily and Johnny with their fairy friends, describing their trip to fairy land, their adventures with fairy princes and princesses and a trip with a fairy escort to the home of Santa Claus. It is a wholesome book for children and a treasurehouse of romance for the child mind.

N. Y. CAPTURED. GERMANS ARE TOLD

Prisoners Say They Were Informed Kaiser's Army Was Marching on Washington.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 29.—John A. Clarke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew I. Clarke of Baltimore, now with the American troops in France, in a letter dated Nov. 27, writes:

"The other day a crowd of us were talking to some of the German prisoners, one of the boys who could speak German was talking to several of the American soldiers. One expressed great surprise on being told that the American army were meeting with success. The poor fellow had been told that the German army had invaded the United States, captured New York and were marching victoriously on to Washington.

"Another one of the German prisoners said that the soldiers had been led to believe that the American boys

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