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The Store as usual on Christmas time is very bright and cheerful and perhaps more beautiful than ever before.

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Sentry Duty Drives Private to Poetry

CAMP FUNSTON, Nov. 27.—Sentry duty is not all it's cracked up to be, according to private Gale Mogle, of Winfield, Kan., who after being released from a stretch as sentry gave vent to his feelings in the following: Speaking of rest, in terms of jest,—Mr. Webster, not meaning to scold you, You'd never have put that word in your book, If you'd ever been a soldier, Already I've told of how it was cold, When I go out on guard, Of owls that hoot, and I can't see to shoot, And my beauty sleep is marred.

The hours are nice, and so are the lice, That is, if you feel that way, You're on at five, when you're hardly alive, And you're off at the same time next day, And then you are sore for twenty-four, Atryin' your best to rest, But that word sweet, is obsolete, Up here in our little nest.

It's back and forth and forth an' back And back and forth again, From post to post, you see every ghost, And hear the drop of a pin, Go on at nine, a feelin' fine, Then sleep from 11 to three, You're on for two, a feelin' blue, Then off for four, you see.

A stick for a gun was a lot of fun, When you was a little boy, But to carry one now, after heavin' a plow, Don't fill your heart with joy, Oh it's back and forth an' forth and back, You walk and walk and walk, Your pore of leg would surely beg For mercy—if it could talk.

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Get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm from your druggist now. Apply a little of this fragrant, antiseptic, healing cream in your nostrils. It penetrates through every air passage of the head, soothes the inflamed or swollen mucous membrane and relief comes instantly. It's just fine. Don't stay stuffed-up with a cold or nasty catarrh.

DRINK MORE WATER IF KIDNEYS BOTHER

Eat less meat and take Salts for Backache or Bladder trouble—Neutralizes acids.

Uric acid in meat excites the kidneys, they become overworked; get sluggish, ache, and feel like lumps of lead. The urine becomes cloudy; the bladder is irritated, and you may be obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night. When the kidneys clog you must help them flush off the body's urinous waste or you'll be a real sick person shortly. At first you feel a dull misery in the kidney region, you suffer from backache, sick headache, dizziness, stomach gets sour, tongue coated and you feel rheumatic twinges when the weather is bad.

Eat less meat, drink lots of water; also get from any pharmacist four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to clean clogged kidneys and stimulate them to normal activity, also to neutralize the acids in urine, so it no longer is a source of irritation, thus ending bladder weakness. Jad Salts is inexpensive, cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everyone should take now and then to keep the kidneys clean and active. Druggists here say they sell lots of Jad Salts to folks who believe in overcoming kidney trouble while it is only trouble.



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Charges by Eye Witnesses

By E. E. Harriman of The Vigilantes

I told my friend, Mr. M., of the U. S. secret service, that I had just been informed that certain papers had retracted the charge made against German soldiers of cutting off the hands of children. He looked at me from deeper eyes that burned and burned, brighter with every breath, more intense, more fierce with each moment.

"Well," he said slowly, "They may retract and I may be wrong, but I went everywhere I could be allowed to go in stricken territory last winter. It may be that the thousand mutilated children that I saw in one small town not far from Liege had lost their hands through gunfire when they got in the way during battle. It may be that little girls lost their tiny breasts from the same cause. But I don't believe a word of it, just the same."

"I tell you only what I saw with my own eyes. I don't give you a single hearsay story. I saw the mutilated children, male and female. I saw them not by dozens, but by hundreds and thousands. I saw more than any paper in America has ever told. I saw enough to make me have a chronic rage smoldering, ready to flare at the first word in support of Prussia or of extenuation of her crimes. I saw enough to prove to me that Germany has no sense of honor or decency or common ordinary horse sense left. She is a ravenous beast, a devil incarnate."

"I stood in a trench with an English officer and asked him why he

did not send out a detail under flag of truce, to gather up the many wounded lying just ahead. He laughed grimly, viciously. 'We tried that once,' he said. 'Had a man wigwag international code saying we wanted to gather up wounded under flag of truce. Our flag was answered by one from their side and the two signmen stood up in plain view. The German signaled back to come on, it was all right with them. Our men advanced, an entire battalion unarmed. They advanced till they were only 50 yards from the German trench and began to pick up wounded. Then the machineguns opened fire and not one man of that battalion lived five minutes.'

"That is what an English officer told me while I stood in a trench only 80 yards from a Hun trench, and saw through a periscope many wounded lying uncared for outside. I don't believe mothers in France lied to me when they told of atrocities committed against their children. I don't believe that officer lied to me. Truth has established herself in the hearts of these people and her sign is on their faces. If any paper publishes a statement that retraction of these charges has been made by the allies, why I will just think that here is another spectacle of the German propaganda."

"That is the way my friend who has been at the front talked to me. That is the way Lieutenant A— of a Canadian company talked when he came back to recuperate after having the flesh torn from an arm by a bursting shell. He said he saw 200 little girls in charge of the nuns in

one courtyard and not one had not been violated, nor one left unmutilated, though the oldest girl there was but 14 and the youngest nine. He went back to do his bit all over again and died in the trenches, victim of another shell."

What I have here set down is fact as given by men who saw these things. Are we to take the word of these men or no? Why not, when they are men we would trust in any other matter?

The report that certain papers of the allies have retracted is merely one more indication that the snake is not dead yet.

Willamette Steamers Are Offered for Sale

Pomona and Oregona Tendered to Salem Commercial Club by Owners

SALEM, Nov. 30.—Representing that sufficient freight is not given the steamers Pomona and Oregona to make their operation profitable, the Oregon City Transportation company has offered to sell them to the city of Salem. The offer was made to the Commercial club and, since appropriations will not be made by the government for river improvements unless river transportation operations on them are successful, it is thought that the city, if it does not buy the steamers, will see to it that they are provided with sufficient freight.

Halsey Unveils Roll of Honor in Church

Twenty-One Young Men of That Town and Vicinity Report Army Experience

HALSEY, Nov. 30.—In a special service under the auspices of the Halsey Episcopal church in this city Sunday evening, an honor roll on which were inscribed the names of 20 boys who have joined the colors from Halsey and surrounding country was unveiled by two girls. After prayer and a scripture lesson by the pastor, Rev. J. D. Cain, letters were read from most of the boys giving interesting information, ranging from the Pacific to the Atlantic seaboard and south to San Antonio, Texas. These boys have enlisted in the various branches of the service and most of the letters showed the soldiers to be in a very cheerful frame of mind and their patriotism and determination to fight to a successful finish unbounded. Patriotic songs were rendered by the large audience, the choir and soloists.

Apples Are Used to Flavor Smoking Tobacco

HOOD RIVER, Nov. 30.—American smokers are going to stuff nice, toasted bits of cores and peels in their pipes from famous Hood River apple ranches.

And this isn't a new brand of wartime economy either. A plant has been opened here which takes refuse from vinegar plants, puts it through a process and sells the lighter bits of cores and peeling to smoking tobacco manufacturers. The heavier part goes to jelly makers. The prepared fruit is mixed in the finest tobacco, giving it a particular flavor which is popular among smokers.

Halibut and Salmon Short With War Demand Greater

SEATTLE, Nov. 30.—With the nation substituting fish for meat as a part of the food conservation program, the Northwest faces a tremendous shortage of the principal food fish, halibut and salmon, fish dealers said here today.

The halibut shortage alone is estimated from 25 to 40 per cent under last year's catch, and the demand for fish far exceeds that of 1916.

Dealers say the situation will be relieved when the housewives learn to buy other fish than halibut and salmon. Fish offered at half the price of halibut and just as good, dealers declare, are shunned by the housewife.

Special Recruiting Officer Will Be in Albany Friday

Time Growing Short When Men Subject to Draft Will Be Allowed to Select Service

Special recruiting officer Adams, of the U. S. Navy, stationed at Salem, will be in the city Friday to look over applicants for that branch of the service. All desiring to enlist should present themselves at the postoffice.

Postmaster Stewart states that large numbers are rushing to enlist these days before it is too late to pick out a desired branch of the service. After Dec. 15 all men of draft age will not be permitted to enlist, but will have to await their assignments.

Corvallis to Give Big Reception for Dr. Kerr

President of O. A. C. Returns After Trip to Washington and Other Points East

A big reception will be tendered to President W. J. Kerr, of O. A. C., when he arrives in Corvallis this evening after his trip to Washington and other Eastern cities. While away, President Kerr received an offer to be president of the Kansas Agricultural college at a greater salary than Oregon is paying, but he has not given his answer yet.

The students of the college and the people of Corvallis are going to try to impress upon Dr. Kerr the fact that he is greatly wanted here. A large delegation will meet him at the depot. A reception will be held and a big banquet given in the Julian Hotel.

Five People Attend Taxpayers' Meeting

District School Budget Voted by One Man Besides Members of Board

With but one taxpayer outside of members of the schoolboard present, the district school meeting last night voted a budget of over \$24000 for the purpose of running the Albany schools for another year. The patriotic citizen was Charles H. Burggraf, who never misses a school meeting. One member of the board was absent. But the levy was voted as effectively as if the entire district had been present. District Clerk D. D. Hackleman was not pleased with the showing, however, and states that the practice of taxpayers remaining away from meetings leaves room for unscrupulous voters to do much harm by running in a majority.

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