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Lost in London.

Patriotic Scots Lady (patrolling Victoria line station to assist any of her stranded countrymen arriving from the front)—Can I help you in any way?

Perplexed Scot—Thank you, mam. Is the train for France the station?

London Punch.

Poor Picking.

"What's the matter?" asked the first flea. "You looked starved."

"These are making these two dogs so natural," explained the other flea, "that I arranged to summer on one of them by mistake."—Louisville Courier Journal.

Good, No Matter What.

The Officer (after a complaint)—This tea's all right. What's the complaint?

Tommy—It ain't tea, sir; it's stoo! The Officer—And very nice stoo!—London Sketch.

Optical Astonishments.

"Seeing is believing," said the ready-made philosopher.

"Not always, when you are looking at the movies."—Washington Star.

Falling in Line.

"I am going to a preparedness meeting, my dear, of our club."

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ITALY DECLARES WAR ON GERMANY

Formal Action Against Kaiser Result of Pressure by Allies.

MILITARY PHASE UNCHANGED

Both Countries Have Been Drifting Steadily Toward Break—Troops Now Available Anywhere.

Rome—Italy Sunday declared war on Germany.

Italy and Germany have been drifting steadily toward war. The declaration became inevitable when Italy recently sent troops to Saloniki to cooperate in the campaign of the entente allies on the Macedonian front, as Germany is directing the opposing forces and has troops on this battle line.

Italy's position in regard to Germany has been an anomalous one since Italy withdrew from the Triple Alliance May 23 of last year and declared war on Austria. Although by this act she arrayed herself against her former allies, Germany and Austria, she remained officially at peace with Germany until Sunday.

Before Italy took this step Germany exerted every effort to induce her to remain neutral, sending to Rome as an ambassador Prince von Buelow. The prince for some time averted war between Austria and Italy, and when he saw a rupture was inevitable took steps toward preservation of an official peace between Germany and Italy. He negotiated a special agreement under which, in case of war between Austria and Italy, Germany and Italy pledged themselves to respect the properties and lives of their respective subjects in one another's domains.

According to unofficial reports from Europe, Italy's allies were dissatisfied and at the Paris council of entente powers in February last asked the Italian representatives why the nation was not at war with Germany. Italy already had agreed not to conclude a separate peace and at the Paris conference sanctioned the plan for a permanent high council of the entente powers for future conduct of the war.

The increasing co-operation among the entente allies and the necessity for bringing into service Italy's surplus of troops gradually brought Italy into such a position that it became evident a declaration of hostilities against Germany was certain.

U. S. Fleet "Sunk," "Enemy" Lands Army on Long Island

Washington, D. C.—The greatest war game ever undertaken by the American navy ended Sunday with a victory for Admiral Mayo's "Red" fleet, which, theoretically, wiped out the defending "Blue" fleet and landed an invading army at Far Rockaway Beach, Long Island.

Rear-Admiral Knight, acting as umpire, announced the result in this report to the navy department:

"Maneuver completed. Red and Blue bodies engaged 9:30 to 10:30, 10 miles south of Ambrose Lightship. Blue decisively defeated. Red gaining command of sea. Red effects landing at Fort Rockaway and secures base."

The final report followed one announcing that Rear-Admiral Helm's "Blue" defending fleet virtually had been annihilated in a dramatic fight off Scotland Lightship at the entrance to the New York harbor. With the exception of a few light craft, the entire "Blue" fleet was "sunk." The full extent of the "Red" losses was not known, although early reports showed that they included the super-dreadnaughts Nevada and Texas and two destroyers.

American Flag on Pacific Again.

San Francisco—The American flag was restored Monday to the trans-Pacific service when the Pacific Mail liner Ecuador left for the Far East with more than 5000 tons of freight and a full complement of passengers.

The significance of the occasion was recognized by the government, and the battleship Oregon and the United States quarantine steamer Argonaut accompanied the liner as far as the lightship. This was the first time in the history of the port that a commercial liner has had a navy escort to sea.

Abduction Plot Fails.

Boise, Idaho—Mark A. Lufkin, Davis McLoe and Ralph Cuslett were landed in jail at St. Anthony, Idaho, Sunday and are held on a charge of plotting to abduct Roland Harriman, the 16-year-old son of W. E. H. Harriman, widow of the great financier. Some weeks ago a foreman on the Harriman summer ranch, on the upper Snake river, received a letter signed by two of the men, in which they broached the project of abducting the boy and holding him in the fastnesses of the Idaho mountains for a ransom.

Word "Click" Held Deceit.

New York—The Federal Trade Commission has issued an order directing the Circle Click company, of Philadelphia, to discontinue using the word "click" in reference to any of its products other than real silk in connection with sales, trademarks and advertising matter. The commission held that the use of the word "click" for products made of mercerized sea island cotton thread was deceptive. The decision is looked on as a precedent.

Most Eminent Medical Authorities Endorse It.

Dr. Eberle and Dr. Braithwaite as well as Dr. Simon—all distinguished authors—agree that whatever may be the disease, the urine seldom fails in furnishing us with a clue to the principles upon which it is to be treated, and accurate knowledge concerning the nature of disease can thus be obtained. If backache, scalding urine or frequent urination bother or distress you, or if uric acid in the blood has caused rheumatism, gout or sciatica or you suspect kidney or bladder trouble just write Dr. Pierce at the Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y.; send a sample of urine and describe the symptoms. Dr. Pierce will receive free medical advice after Dr. Pierce's chemist has examined the urine—this will be carefully done without charge, and you will be under no obligation. Dr. Pierce during many years of experimentation has discovered a new remedy which he finds is thirty-seven times more powerful than lithia in removing uric acid from the system. If you are suffering from backache or the pains of rheumatism, gout or sciatica, or you are troubled by a 50-cent box of "Auric" put up by Dr. Pierce. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription for weak women and Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery for the blood have been favorably known for the past forty years and more. They are standard remedies to-day—as well as Doctor Pierce's Pleasant Pellets for the liver and bowels. You can get a sample of each of these remedies by writing Dr. Pierce.

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—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Vindicated Self-Esteem.

"The Woggles seem to have a high opinion of themselves."

"Yes. You see the same cook has consented to remain in their employ for three or four years. So they feel entitled to think that they are rather nice people."—Washington Star.

Last Chance to Avert Strike Appears To Lie in Action of Congress

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson's negotiations for averting the threatened nationwide railroad strike are in the last stage with a break or settlement apparently not far off. With the railway executives standing firm against conceding the eight-hour day and the brotherhood leaders still standing out against arbitrating it, the hope of preventing a tie-up of the country's transportation systems seemed to lie with congress.

Just exactly what can be done, none of the congressional leaders themselves seem to know. Conferences among them and with President Wilson, which began Sunday night, were continued Monday.

The situation was viewed on all sides as the most perilous since the negotiations began two weeks ago. The hope of the President and administration leaders was in the possibility of getting the brotherhood men to give more time to continue the negotiations.

It is reliably reported that the strike order which the chairman carried in sealed envelopes when he left Washington Monday, is to enter into effect on September 4, unless an agreement should be reached prior to that date.

The four brotherhood heads issued a statement replying to President Rea, of Pennsylvania, who made an announcement that rather than give up to arbitration the road, they preferred to face a strike. The statement charged the Pennsylvania with inconsistency in that two years ago it fought the efforts of its shophmen to organize and arbitrate. It also declared that the controlling interest in five small roads it has refused them representation on the managers' conference committee, and that if arbitration was agreed upon it would apply to these roads.

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Mexicans Beg for Help.

El Paso, Texas—An appeal of the people of Aguascalientes and Zacatecas to authorities of the defunct government in Mexico City to send physicians, medicines and food to alleviate disease and famine rampant in the two states has been received, according to private advices here. The report said there was not more than enough food in the Federal district to provide for the people there, and that if there were any physicians available they could do nothing, for there were no serms to combat the epidemics.

President's Order Saves.

New York—A special order from President Wilson which reached the steamship Nieuw Amsterdam just before the liner sailed Sunday saved Mrs. Sarah Schimelsohn and her daughter, Esther, from deportation here. The woman's husband was executed by the Russians in Suwalki, Russian Poland, for selling bread to the Germans after the Teutons first captured that place. When the Germans retook the town, the widow, her daughter and her 11-year-old son were sent to Berlin and given a passport to America.

Seize Counterfeiting Plant.

Oakland—Operatives of the United States secret service seized here Monday a complete counterfeiting plant, which included molds, dies and bogus coins made in imitation of silver dollars and gold \$5 and \$10 pieces. The seizure was made following the arrest of Charles G. Bush and Louis Miller, the former of whom, according to Harry M. Moffitt, head of the secret service bureau at San Francisco, has served a sentence for counterfeiting.

ROUMANIA DECLARES WAR ON AUSTRIA-HUNGARY; JOINS ALLIES

Berlin, Aug. 28, via London—Roumania declared war on Austria-Hungary on Sunday evening, it is announced officially here.

Paris, Aug. 28—Roumania declared war against Austria-Hungary last night, says a Havas dispatch from Berne, Switzerland, which declares that the Wolff agency at Berlin made the announcement.

Roumania's decision to enter the war was reached at a meeting of the Crown council held at Bucharest yesterday morning, says a Havas dispatch from Geneva.

The Wolff agency announces that the German federal council was convoked immediately after the decision became known.

Will Investigate New President of Panama



A report has reached Washington that Ramon Valdez has been instrumental in getting a large land concession for the Japanese government near the Panama canal. Secretary Lansing has ordered an investigation to ascertain whether Valdez has made the concession of land to a Spaniard named Fernandez, who is the Havana agent for Japanese silk firms. The land, approximately 60,000 acres, is said to be on the Atlantic seaboard, directly opposite the Bay of San Miguel. It might be very valuable to the Japanese government for the establishment of a naval base there.

Fruit and Melons Meet With Good Demand at Tacoma

Tacoma—Large consignments of fruit and melons are arriving in Tacoma this week from California and Yakima districts, and the demand is almost as great as the supply. Peaches and cantaloupes lead in popularity among the fruit and melons, while Yakima tomatoes are the most popular vegetables being received. The end of the season for red raspberries and loganberries is at hand, but small receipts are still a daily occurrence.

Yakima cantaloupes are fast replacing the California product, although the latter are of better quality. The Yakima cantaloupes are small and are a little green yet. Elbertas are off the market at present, the California crop being as yet unripe. A few Elbertas may arrive the latter part of the week. There is a scarcity of Slappy and Early Crawford peaches on the market, but plenty of clingstone varieties. Pears, plums and grades are meeting with a good demand. Gravenstein eating apples are hard to get and their scarcity makes the price high. There are plenty of cooking apples.

Sweet potatoes are selling well. Green corn continues scarce and high. Cucumbers are plentiful and cheap. Butter holds its advance to 34 cents. Egg prices are steady.

Walla Walla Prune Harvest to Yield \$500,000 to Growers

Walla Walla—Prune harvest started in Walla Walla this week, several hundred pickers being given work in the many orchards. Harvest is about two weeks later than usual. Close to \$500,000 will be brought into the valley this year. The price of prunes is the highest known here. Two weeks ago \$60 a ton was quoted. Then the price advanced 10 per cent, and several orchardists say they were offered between \$70 and \$80 a ton. Elsewhere in the Northwest fruit wiped out nearly all prunes. Those in the Walla Walla valley were not damaged.

Harvest of onions is well under way. There will be 500 cars of onions this year, worth about \$400 a car. On the Blalock fruit farm 842 sacks were secured from one acre. At a cent a pound the returns from this acre were \$842.

Potato Crop is About Average.

Potato crop prospects in the United States are summarized in the government monthly crop report as follows:

The August 1 condition of the potato crop forecasts about an average production, taking the United States as a whole. The forecast is 364,000,000 bushels, which is 5,000,000 less than the July 1 forecast, but 5,000,000 more than last year's production and 3,000,000 more than the average of the preceding five years. During July prospects improved moderately in the North Atlantic and Pacific Coast states.

New Zealand to Send Wheat.

New Zealand is to feature in the exportation of wheat this year, according to advices received in Portland, and the famous old Hopper bark Antiope has been fixed to load a cargo at Timaru for South America. This, it is said, will be the first wheat cargo shipped from New Zealand to an overseas port for many years. The scarcity of bottoms is indicated by the fact that the Antiope, built in 1865, should be booked for handling wheat. The Antiope was sold in 1914 to a New Zealand coal company to be converted into a hulk.

NORTHWEST MARKET REPORTS; GENERAL CROP CONDITIONS

Portland—Wheat—Bluestem, \$1.26 per bushel; fortyfold, \$1.23; club, \$1.22; red fleck, \$1.23; red Russian, \$1.21.

Millfeed—Spot prices: Bran, \$23.50 per ton; shorts, \$25.50; rolled barley, \$35.00.

Corn—Whole, \$42 per ton; cracked, \$43.

Hay—Producers' prices: Timothy, Eastern Oregon, \$16.50/18 per ton; alfalfa, \$14.50; wheat hay, \$12.50/13.50; oat and vetch, \$12.50/12.50.

Butter—Exchange prices: Cubes, extras, 29¢ per pound; Jobbing prices: Prints, extras, 30¢/34¢; butterfat, No. 1, 31¢; No. 2, 29¢, Portland.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, exchange price, current receipts, 26¢/27¢ per dozen. Jobbing prices: Oregon ranch, candied, 28¢/30¢; selects, 32¢.

Poultry—Hens, 13¢/16¢ per pound; broilers, 16¢/17¢; turkeys, live, 18¢/22¢; ducks, 11¢/14¢; geese, 9¢/11¢.

Veal—Fancy, 12¢ per pound.

Pork—Fancy, 12¢/12¢ per pound.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 75¢/81¢ per dozen; tomatoes, 35¢/75¢ per crate; cabbage, \$1.75 per hundred; garlic, 8¢ per pound; peppers, 5¢/6¢; eggplant, 7¢/10¢; lettuce, 20¢/25¢ per dozen; cucumbers, 25¢/35¢ per box; peas, 4¢/5¢ per pound; beans, 3¢/4¢; celery, 75¢/85¢ per dozen; corn, 10¢/20¢.

Potatoes—New, \$1.15 per hundred; sweets, 3¢/4¢.

Onions—California, \$1.75 per sack; Walla Walla, \$1.75.

Green Fruits—Apples, new, 90¢/91¢ per box; peaches, 40¢/85¢ per box; watermelons, 1¢/1¢ per pound; figs, \$1.10 per box; plums, 7¢/8¢/12¢; pears, \$1.50/1.75; grapes, \$1.35/2.2¢; casabas, 1¢ per pound.

Sack Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.25; carrots, \$1.25; beets, \$1.25/1.50.

Hops—1915 crop, nominal; 1916 contracts, nominal.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, fine, 23¢/25¢ per pound; coarse, 30¢/32¢; valley, 35¢.

Casara Bark—Old and new, 4¢ per pound.

Cattle—Steers, prime light, \$6.75/7.00; prime heavy, \$6.75/7.10; good, \$5.75/6.25; choice cows, \$5.25/5.75; medium to good, \$4.50/5.75; heifers, \$3.50/5.75; bulls, \$3.50/5.75; calves, \$3.50/7.50.

Hogs—Prime light, \$9.25/9.60; prime strong weights, \$9.40/9.60; rough hogs, \$8.50/8.75; pigs and skips, \$8.50/9.10.

Sheep—Spring lambs, \$8 to \$8.35; common lambs, \$5.50 to \$6.00; yearlings, \$6 to \$6.25; good yearlings, \$5.50/5.75; choice wethers, \$6.65/6.50; choice ewes, \$5.65/5.25; common ewes, \$2.50/3.



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Sore Eyes

Dr. Bates Hingham of Boston, on his return home from doing ambulance work in France, was asked by a reporter his opinion of a German note. "There is no more real satisfaction," the distinguished physician replied, "or comfort in it than there was in the blacksnake's ruse."

"A Pike county mother once left her little one seated outside the shack and pulling on a full milk bottle when a blacksnake came gliding up. "The snake nestled close to the child, drew the rubber nipple from its mouth and proceeded to drink the milk; but at the same time the snake did not forget to slip the end of its tail gently between the infant's lips by way of a comforter."

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One day when he was coming out of the Garrick club a man, whom he did not know from Adam, approached, and, with a sweeping bow, said in a Yankee twang:

"Excuse me, sir, but they tell me you are a pretty well-known folk belonging to this club. Are you anyone of importance?"

Sir Herbert Tree looked the questioner coldly up and down. "I don't really think I can be, or I wouldn't be seen talking to you," he said icily.—Pearson's Weekly.

Wisdom.

During a lesson on elementary composition a little girl read the following as her effort:

"Once a Penny and a Shilling met in a man's pocket. The Shilling turned up its nose at the Penny, and said, scornfully:

"Why, I am worth a dozen of you."

"Yes," said the Penny, "but even at that I am a good bit better than you are. I go every Sunday to church, and you never do."—London Tit-Bits.

She Understood.

Aviator (home from the war on leave)—And then when you are up pretty high—three or four miles, say—and you look down, it's positively sickening. It is stupendous, awful. A great height is a fearful thing, I can tell you.

Lady (feelingly)—Yes, I can sympathize with you, poor boy. I feel just that way myself when I'm on top of a stepladder.—Tiger.

Same Line.

"When I was a boy," said the gray-haired physician, who happened to be in a reminiscent mood, "I wanted to be a soldier; but my parents persuaded me to study medicine."

"Oh, well, rejoined the sympathetic druggist, "such is life. Many a man with wholesale aspirations has to content himself with a retail business."—London Tit-Bits.

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"Wombat says he tries to put as good a face on things as possible."

"He's the man to paint your portrait, old top."—Kansas City Journal.

Easy and Sure.

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"Oh, I don't know. Just sit down and watch my wife spend it, I suppose."—London Answers.

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"Petrol, my man," he replied, with a condescending smile.

"Ear that, Tom?" said the inquirer to his friend, who had just appeared on the scene. "Petrol shoves 'er along."

"Ah!" was the reply, "that ain't nothing new. Petrol shoved our Mary Ann through the back door our sent 'er flying slap bang agin the barn. 'Er 'ad 'in tryin' to light the fire with it."—London Tit-Bits.

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Aeroplanes to Aid Explorers.

Aeroplanes are to be included in the equipment of an exploring expedition that is setting out from Buenos Aires to study a little-known region which includes Mar Chiquita, a lake having an area of some 1,000 square miles, located about 350 miles northwest of Buenos Aires. It is the belief of the explorers that with aeroplanes it will be possible to secure panoramic photographs which will prove invaluable in showing the topography and geography of the country.—From the September Popular Mechanics Magazine.

No Alibi.

"The war is doing me a good turn, anyhow."

"In what way?"

"I don't have to think up excuses for not taking my family to Europe this summer."—Detroit Free Press.

The Fan's Favorite.

She—What is your favorite stone?
He—The baseball diamond.—Boston Transcript.

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