

# DESOLATION OF ABANDONED AREA MOST COMPLETE

### Germans Destroying Country as They Retreat—Road Junctions Mined and Blown Up—Not a Home Left—Famous Tower of Ham Is Dynamited—Villages Are Deserts.

**FRENCH FRONT IN FRANCE.** FRANCE, March 23.—(From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press.)—Destruction and desolation are salient features along the track of the German retreat between the important towns of Roye and Ham and beyond. The correspondent has accompanied the French army in the advance over an area which since the beginning of the German retrograde movement has reached a total of approximately 250 square miles. Following closely on the heels of the retreating Germans the correspondent passed through many villages whose ashes were still smoldering, all having been fired by German troops belonging to the seventeenth army corps.

**Road Junction Destroyed.** Large towns such as Roye, Nesle and Ham suffered less than the villages. All road junctions were mined and blown up, leaving gaping chasms large enough to contain a six-story house. Although in many towns the houses outwardly are intact, giving almost an unchanged aspect, they proved on inspection to be merely skeletons whose contents had been ruthlessly destroyed with picks and shovels. In the country districts the devastation everywhere is most complete, both inside and out. Old peasants with the women and children who for some time had been gathered by the Germans in the large centers, attempted today, after being liberated by the French and British, to find traces of their former homes. They discovered nothing but heaps of debris. Their agricultural implements and machinery had been broken, all fruit trees sawed through close to the ground and grain and grass seeds trampled. This destruction added to the previous confiscation of all domestic animals and poultry in the occupied French provinces during the last thirty months caused many to give way to despair but joy over the return of the French eventually dominated all other feelings.

**Refugees Homeless.** For the present most of the refugees left homeless by the Germans in the re-occupied region are subsisting on what remains in their possession of the last American relief consignments while awaiting organization of a French commissariat. In Ham, one of the most advanced and important towns re-taken, the correspondent was the first stranger to arrive after the French troops entered. The inhabitants, many of whom were still there, invariably asserted they had had no meat or milk for eighteen months and that whenever they raised chickens or rabbits for their own consumption they were taken by the Germans, who paid for them in bonds instead of money.

The town's greatest feature, the famous tower in which Napoleon III was incarcerated within walls forty feet thick, was blown to fragments before the Germans departed. All German silver money was taken away and replaced by paper. The inhabitants state that fifty young women and girls were deported, ostensibly to work for the Germans at Maubeuge. Villages Are Deserts. Similar conditions prevail in other towns. The villages are mere deserts. The inhabitants say the Germans before leaving declared they would lay to waste the whole country so as not to permit the advancing allied troops to obtain any benefit from reconnoissances. The program has been fully carried out, not a cottage, tree or bush being left whole.

Where the retreat will stop appears to be unknown even to German prisoners who make widely varying statements. All, however, agree that Field Marshal Von Hindenburg is the leader of the whole German military policy. Their respect for his name is shown by the fact that even after they are taken prisoner they stand at attention whenever he is mentioned.

**DRAMATIC SUICIDE TWO GIRLS IN PUBLIC CAFE** PORTSMOUTH, March 23.—Two young women held revolvers at each other's temples and fired, both dropping dead, in a booth at the Portsmouth Cafe tonight. They had previously registered at the Rockingham hotel as Ethel Stanton and Rose King of Wellesley, Mass.

## STAGES STREET CAR ACCIDENTS FOR MOVIES TO HELP SAFETY FIRST CAMPAIGN



Lottie Forbes. Miss Lottie Forbes, 19-year-old school teacher, has gone through all kinds of accidents by street cars in St. Louis before a movie camera, so the public may see the dangers of careless walking and riding.

## Pioneer's Journey to Coast

A short sketch of the pioneer journey to California of Mrs. Urania Cheesman, who died March 18, 1917, at Medford, Oregon. Urania, daughter of Obed and Lucinda Polk Macy, was born in Knox county, Indiana, on April 5th, 1828, and was married to David W. Cheesman, October 17th, 1849. On April 7th, 1850, they joined her parents in the long and perilous journey by ox team to California, buying their last supplies at Kansas City, a frontier village of about 500 people. The Indian village of Wyandotte was at the junction of the Kaw and the Missouri rivers. These were peaceable Indians and wore sleigh bells on their buckskin leggings. The Pawnee Indians were represented to us as hostile, but we had no trouble with them, nor with any other tribes. Our train was stricken by the cholera and several families lost members. Among those who died on June 14th, was Charles Polk Macy, a younger brother of Mrs. Cheesman. At Salt Lake City a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Cheesman. Leaving Salt Lake City October 8th, we journeyed on, finally seeing the now well known mountain peaks of southern California, namely, San Bernardino, Grayback, Strawberry peak, Mount Wilson, and San Antonio, leaving call-

## FRENCH LOSE 21 SHIPS IN WEEK BY U-BOAT ATTACK

PARIS, Mar. 23.—The ministry of marine this evening issued the following statement of arrivals and departures of vessels in and from the French ports during the week ending March 18 and of vessels sunk by submarines or mines: "During the week ending March 18, at midnight 929 merchantmen of all nations, above 100 tons net, excluding fishing boats, entered French ports, 214 departed. "Six French merchantmen of over 1600 tons gross each and six under 1600 tons, and fifteen fishing boats were sunk by submarines or mines. Three vessels were attacked without success."

## "CASCARETS" FOR A COLD, BAD BREATH OR SICK HEADACHE

Best for Liver and Bowels, for Biliousness, Sour Stomach and Constipation. Get a 10-cent box now. Furred Tongue, Bad Colds, Indigestion, Sallow Skin and Miserable Headaches come from a torpid liver and clogged bowels, which cause your stomach to become filled with undigested food, which sours and ferments like garbage in a swill barrel. That's the first step to untold misery—indigestion, foul gases, bad breath, yellow skin, mental fears, everything that is horrible and nauseating. A Cascaret tonight will give your constipated bowels a thorough cleansing and straighten you out by morning. They work while you sleep—a 10-cent box from your druggist will keep you feeling good for months. Millions of men and women take a Cascaret now and then to keep their stomach, liver and bowels regulated, and never know a miserable moment. Don't forget the children—their little insides need a good, gentle cleansing, too.

## MASS MEETING TO DECIDE UPON ROAD MEETING

A mass meeting will be held at the Commercial club building this evening at 7:30. The meeting has been called to formulate plans for handling the crowds and providing entertainment for the delegates to the Tri-State Good roads congress to be held in this city May 16 and 17. The primary purpose of the meeting tonight is to gauge the spirit of the Medford citizens in regard to the holding of the congress, to determine whether proper support can be counted on by the promoters of the meeting.

In case the proper support is evidenced at the meeting tonight committees will be appointed to handle publicity, entertainment, program and other features of the congress. Both the Northern Pacific and the Southern Pacific railroads have written granting extension rates, fare and one third, from all points in Washington and Oregon to Medford. Medford is assured of a host of delegates to the congress. J. A. Westerlund and George E. Boes, president and secretary respectively of the Tri-State association have recently returned from a trip to coast points, Eugene and Roseburg, where good roads rallies have been held. In each of these places they were assured that large delegations will attend the Medford meeting. The Portland Chamber of Commerce has stated that the date of the annual Southern Oregon excursion of that body will be so arranged as to include the local congress in their itinerary. Roseburg will hold a good roads rally March 28. To this a good sized delegation of Medford enthusiasts will be sent.

## WOMAN SICK TWO YEARS

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Cabbage, Carrot, Onion, Beets, Peas, Spinach and Turnip Seeds should be planted at once. Don't take seeds that are "just as good." Get Morse's. On Sale by all Leading Dealers

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# And Now, for the First Time, We Announce A Spring Petticoat Fashion Show

Featuring the Latest Models of the Popular "FITRITE" Petticoats

And why not a fashion show for Petticoats? Never before were styles lovelier or more varied, ranging from dignified plain blacks and blues to glorious Paisley taffetas in college collars that will be the rage among younger women for wear with dashing sport costumes. And here they are, the whole department overflowing with masterpieces in the art of petticoat-making.

Of course Taffeta is THE material—but in such wonderful shades. Gold, pale greens, bright sky blues—a coaxing color for every taste. New changeable effects; red to green, gold to deep brown—effects hitherto unattempted. Rich Persian silks too—harmonious colors in quaint cretonne patterns. You never saw such a gorgeous display.

And as to styles—we cannot only touch a description—new looping pleats, two and three-tier fluffy ruffles—heavy accordion pleats, crimpings—in exquisite designs only a fashion-loving woman can appreciate. But we've told you enough—whole page story wouldn't convey as much as you'll know after FIVE minutes HERE. Come, see this Petticoat Show unusual—select your spring "Fitrite" now.



**ALL NEW SPRING FITRITE'S**  
are made with that wonderful patented adjustment feature that insures perfect fit at all times without hooks, eyes, buckles, or elastic bands. Ask us to demonstrate this to you, too!

## Great Showing of Spring Coats and Suits

**New Coats**      **New Suits**

Just received by express 50 brand new spring coats, made in this season's most up to date styles and colors. Don't forget to see them Saturday. Popular prices **\$8.50 to \$35.**

Every express brings us some beautiful new spring suits made of this season's most popular cloths, such as Jerseys, Gabardines and Poplins. If in need of a suit you owe it to yourself to see them. Prices from **\$20.00 up to \$50.00**

## Saturday Sale of "Dove" Undermuslins and Coats

Lot 1, consisting of Gowns, Corset Covers, Chemise, Combination suits, nicely trimmed, values to \$1.25, this sale... **79c**

Lot 2, consisting of Skirts, Gowns, Combinations and Envelope Chemise, values up to \$1.75, this sale, ..... **\$1.39**

One lot of women's Corsets, new models, all sizes, values to \$1.25. Sale price ..... **69c**

One lot of Women's Corsets, new models, all sizes, values to \$1.50, at this sale ..... **89c**

Our new line of Braisers, just arrived, 59c to **\$2.50** each

## Saturday Sale of Gloves

Childrens Muslin Underwear, all sizes. Real values up to 40c this sale ..... **29c**

Women's White Washable Chamouissette Gloves, all sizes, worth 85c, this sale... **69c**

Women's Cape Gloves in tan only, \$1.75 values, this sale, pair **\$1.50**

Before buying your Infant's wear, come in and look over our new spring line.

## Notion Sale

Bucilla Crochet Cotton, all colors... **10c**

Children's Hose Supporters, all sizes, good quality, pair **15c**

Pearl Buttons, all sizes, special, card **5c**

Our new stock of Dress Trimmings and Buttons are here.

## Jewelry

Our new line of Merite Jewelry has just arrived. We are showing the latest ideas in Hat Pins, Ear Drops, Stick Pins, etc. Every piece guaranteed to wear.

## Toilet Dept.

Colgates Toilet Water in all odors, very special ..... **25c**

Colgates "Week End Package," very special ..... **25c**

Colgates Compact Toilet Kit ..... **50c**

Rose Water and Glycerine, special **25c**

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