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EM-TEES

THE POSTMAN.

Postman have you got a letter From my boy across the brine? Surely you have one this morning, Please don't shake your head this time.

All night long I've dreamt about him There amidst the shot and sell; Postman, surely you've got some message, Just to tell me all is well.

This is the plea and cry of mother, As the postman passes by, And he wonders as he passes, When the world will cease to sigh.

Mr. Postman, you've a letter, Just some loving little line, From my Harry 'cross the waters, Just to say he's feeling fine.

All the world is filled with sorrow, And the postman has his share Bent beneath his daily burden, In his face a trace of care.

Case Dismissed: "John," said the new judge, "I have known you for years. I am sorry that my first duty is to try you for being drunk. What was your reason, if any, for getting drunk?"

My son William, whom we call Bill for short, is 6 ft, 2 in. in height, weighs 250 pounds and works for the gas company. Isn't that a big bill? —Mrs. Iva Paine.

Be that as it may, W. E. Lye of Sioux City, Iowa, advertises himself as "The Conscientious Plumber."

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Prepare for the Hot Wave: The hot sun is doubly dangerous if there is a mass of indigestible food in the stomach, causing distress and auto-intoxication, causing congesting poisons through the system.

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HUNS LOSE OFFENSIVE.

THAT the offensive has definitely passed to the allies is indicated by Foch's drive on the tip of the Picardy salient. Before the Germans have had time to recover from their crushing defeat on the Rheims-Soissons front, the allies have struck from Albert to Montdidier and early reports show first objectives obtained. At the same time no rest is being given the Huns along the Vesle.

There is every indication that the crisis of the war passed with the second battle of the Marne, which like the first, will rank as one of the great decisive battles of the world's history. The blow struck by American and French soldiers marks the turning point of the war and the beginning of the end for Germany. With it Germany passed the zenith of her power and by it lost the chance of winning the war by force of arms.

Allied offensives are possible only through American aid. When the Germans struck in March they outnumbered the allied forces approximately 560,000 men. This superiority was due to troops released from the eastern front. The frantic appeal to America was the result—and America's prompt response has restored the balance—though the allies have not as yet the numerical superiority to undertake the great offensive.

The allied armies are united under a single chief. They equal in number or exceed the enemy. They are amply equipped. They are increasing in man power daily while the Germans decrease—so that Germany must henceforth fight, not for quick and decisive victory, but to wear out and exhaust the allies as she exhausts herself, in the hope of securing a peace by negotiations whereby she can retain her eastern gains.

ONLY A SHADOW.

THIS is about a man who never viewed himself in the mirror of self-appraisal. Like that misguided cockerel, Chanticleer, he thought the sun could not rise unless he so willed.

One morning this illudioned person saw his shadow stretching out before him. "Ah!" he soliloquized, "I'm a giant. Just as in stature I tower so shall I stand in power!"

That morning he set about materializing this coveted condition. He tyrannized over those near him and through them passed the oppression to the lowliest of his race.

They paid tithes and homage, and their women were as slaves. But he was not content. There still existed hands and peoples beyond the pale of his despotic dominion.

He set himself to subdue and subjugate them. He entered into an imaginary pact with certain astral forces and pretended to pal with Deity while he hob-nobbed with Mars.

He threw bones of contention to the Dogs of War. He stirred up a kettle of strife with the lads of militarism. He lied and spied, plotted and spotted, dreamed and schemed with secrecy and cunning.

When all seemed ready to set up his World Dynasty, he once again caught sight of his shadow.

It was noon. What earlier resembled the outlines of a Goliath had shrunk to the dimensions of a blot!

And now the gathering dusk of nightfall is slowly enshrouding Kaiser Bill.

U. S. Dep't of Agriculture.

HOW TO DRY

APRICOTS AND PEACHES.

Apricots which are to be dried should be allowed to become thoroughly ripe, but should not be allowed to drop. They are prepared for drying by washing, thoroughly along the line of the suture, separating the halves by a quick twisting motion, and removing the stone with the knife. Discoloration during drying may be prevented by placing the halved and stoned fruits in a wire basket and steaming in a washboiler for 4 to 5 minutes.

While practically all commercial dried peaches are dried unpeeled, the fastidious housewife will usually prefer to peel her home supply. To do this by hand is an exceedingly tedious task if considerable quantities are to be handled, and under such circumstances the use of a peeling machine is to be recommended. The peeling machine is made by dissolving concentrated lye in water at the rate of one pound to 10 gallons, and is used boiling hot. Heat in a granite ware or enameled vessel, place the peaches in a heavy wire or wooden basket and plunge into the boiling solution for 1 1/2 to 2 minutes, working up on down to loosen contact with the lye.

HUS SAYS WHOLE U. S. COAST IS BLOCKADED

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 8.—The Associated Press is telling the public that the whole American coast is blockaded by German submarines, and that all Atlantic traffic has been stopped.

HAMBURG OFFICIALS QUIT HUN COUNCIL

ZURICH, Aug. 7.—(Havas Agency.)—Albert Bain and Herr Holmertz, directors of the Hamburg-American steamship line, have resigned as members of the German economic council, says a dispatch received here from Hamburg.

NEW JOAN OF ARC WITH PROPHETIC VISION SAYS WAR WILL END IN 1920



Claire Ferchaud, France's modern Maid of Orleans, in two poses. Below she is shown praying before a shrine in the garden of Montmartre church, Paris.

PARIS, Aug. 8.—"Joan of Arc, they are calling you!" As if in answer to the words of the popular song, a new Joan of Arc has appeared in France.

She is a young peasant girl, humble, obscure, like her great spiritual prototype. Her name is Claire Ferchaud. She is already something of a power in provincial Catholic circles and her fame has reached into the war department and has even been recognized by Premier Clemenceau.

Mlle. Ferchaud owes her fame to her prophecies concerning the war, many of which have proved true, to her religious exaltation, which she has materialized into literary works, and to her fervent patriotism, which has given her the confidence of statesmen and generals whom she has shown how they can save France.

In devout circles it is firmly believed that Christ, under the image of the Sacred Heart, has appeared and spoken to her frequently in the little church of Loublance, near which she lives on her father's farm.

Her gifts of prophecy are remarkable. It is beyond doubt that in 1914 she announced that members of the government were plotting against France, and that sedition would have to be punished soon. The Folo Pasha and Bonnet Rouge trials proved she was right.

Early this year she warned several generals that the western front would soon be pierced, adding that the allies would pass "from despair to victory," and that the cry "Tout est perdu!" (All is lost) would immediately transform itself into "Tout est sauve!" (All is saved)—a forecast amply fulfilled by the recent German offensive and the Franco-American victory which followed them.

The prophecies believe she will die when her mission is completed and the war was for France, and that her death will come when she is 24. As she is now 22, that will bring her death and victory for the allies in 1920.

Pope Starts Inquiry: The young peasant's religious exaltation and apparitions have aroused the interest of the clergy, starting with the Bishop of Poitiers, who was so impressed by his questioning of her that he called her mysterious powers to the attention of Pope Benedict. The pope instructed Father Hugon, one of the most learned theologians in France, to open an inquiry into her case.

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HAIG SMASHES ENEMY'S LINES, TAKES PRISONERS

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of Maricourt, about three miles and a half southwest of Albert, to the Avo valley south of Amiens.

Reports are coming in slowly. "Clearing fire" constitutes the best available information. The British launched their attack in a mist after only three minutes of artillery preparation.

The greatest secrecy surrounded plans for the attack. During the night the Germans heavily bombarded the British lines, but their shells were ineffective. An extraordinarily large number of tanks accompanied the storming troops, clearing the way for them in the gray light of dawn and helping to overcome enemy strong points.

In the district north of the Somme the Germans are reported to have launched two counter attacks. The British artillery fire broke them both up.

The prisoners taken by the British are so numerous that they are having difficulty in handling them.

Expected Attack: Brick fighting was continuing as this dispatch was filed, shortly before noon.

Early in the fighting it was discovered that one new enemy division had just arrived. Prisoners taken from it said the Germans believed the British were going to attack but did not know what day.

Other prisoners were from various Prussian and Bavarian divisions. Virtually all the ground before the allies is of an open nature, especially suitable for the operation of tanks and for a rapid advance.

What reserves the Germans have at the rear is uncertain, but presumably they are not in strong force. As Crown Prince Rupprecht on the front has been keeping the bulk of his forces behind the old Hindenburg line. The ground between this and the present fighting front has for the most part been fought over two or three times before, thoroughly demoralizing the region.

Early in the morning the sky became overcast and the clouds have increased along the battlefield so that the flash of the guns could hardly be seen a little distance away.

The poor visibility favored the allies. No enemy airplanes had appeared over the line until 8 o'clock, and meanwhile the allies had progressed far.

EXEMPTED SO HE CAN SHAVE SOLDIERS

LONDON, Aug. 8.—On condition that he shave soldiers and sailors free of charge on all except his busiest days, a 21-year-old London barber has been temporarily exempted from military service.

Everything possible is being done to protect the palace of Versailles and the two Trianons from enemy fire, and similar precautions are being taken for the chateau of Rambouillet and other national monuments in the Seine-et-Oise Department, says Petit Parisien, of Paris.

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To overcome these distressing conditions take plenty of exercise in the open air, avoid a heavy meat diet, drink freely of water and at each meal, take Dr. Pierce's Anuric Tablets (double strength). You will, in a short time, find that you are one of the firm indorsers of Anurie, as are thousands of neighbors.

Mr. A. W. CURRIE says: "I suffered greatly with my back and kidneys. I called in doctors and they did me no good, but recommended an operation. I saw Anurie for kidneys and backache advertised so sent up to the drug store and got a package, and it cured me. This was one year ago. I was down in bed and had taken many different kinds of medicines but obtained no relief from them."

Mrs. ROSA MHLAYG, of GETHIHELL, WASH. says: "I was troubled with the backache for the last five years. I sent for a package of Dr. Pierce's Anuric Tablets, which cured me completely. I will recommend Anurie to all my friends who are troubled with backache."

Step into the drug store and ask for Anurie, or send Dr. V. M. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., 198, for trial pkg. Anurie—many times more potent than lithia, eliminates uric acid as hot water melts sugar.

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