

# PIGEONS USEFUL WAR MESSENGERS AT BATTLE FRONT

BEHIND THE BRITISH LINES IN FRANCE, Sept. 18.—For the American soldier newly arrive in the lines in France, there is always a great interest attaching to the now widespread use of carrier pigeons. Little crates of the birds are found in many a front line dugout, and they become the pets of the men, who watch their work with close interest.

Naturally information in war time is transmitted by wire, but sometimes occasions arise when the wires prove insufficient or break down altogether. Every front line unit must be prepared for such an emergency. So the pigeons are always kept handy, and from time to time are "tried out" to be sure that they are ready for their work.

## Fly Thru Shell Fire

The pigeons quickly become accustomed to shell fire and they will carry important messages through a heavy artillery barrage and through gas clouds when no other method of communication is practicable.

Pigeons were first employed by the British army in October, 1914 when an experimental shipment of 50 birds was brought to France. Their value was immediately recognized and the service rapidly grew to enormous proportions.

Under present war conditions, the pigeons are most largely employed for two purposes,—to bring back information from the front line trenches, and during an advance to bring messages from the advancing tanks and infantry. Generally speaking a 100-mile flight is the outside limit for military purposes, even when messages are sent in duplicate. For distances of 10 miles, single birds are relied on constantly, and there are very few failures.

## Lofts on Auto Trucks

In war mobile lofts must take the place of stationary ones. These are usually small automobile trucks and contain from 60 to 70 birds. An important feature of the trucks is a good "lookout cage" on top so that the birds can easily learn the topography of the neighborhood before being liberated for their work.

Carrier pigeons are very successfully used in connection with aircraft in flight, and for distances up to 20 or 30 miles in fine weather can be relied upon to reach home with their messages. They are released in such a manner that they will first move with the wind, the airman throwing the bird forcibly downward and sideways in the direction the wind is blowing so that the wind will assist it to clear the machine. With sea-planes, a number of cases have occurred where pilots in distress have been rescued as the result of carrier pigeons.

# Y. M. C. A. WINS PRAISE OF YANKS

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE LORRAINE FRONT, Tuesday, Sept. 17.—(By Associated Press) The Y. M. C. A. has won its place in the hearts of the American soldiers and an instance of the service rendered is given in a story told of the recent fighting. On the morning of the American advance against the St. Mihiel salient a Y. M. C. A. man appeared among the soldiers carrying a huge pack on his back. He did not explain his presence except by a whispered word to a company commander, who nodded approval.

When the order to advance came he moved with the men. At the first pause while the soldiers sheltered behind a rise of ground the Y. M. C. A. man made his way from soldier to soldier giving each a cake of chocolate and a bunch of cigarettes. When his pack was exhausted he returned to the rear, but reappeared in a few hours with another bundle. He repeated his trips until his organization was able to bring up supplies in larger quantities.

## MRS. VINCENT COOK MOTHER'S DAY ORATOR

Orators for Mothers day will be Mrs. Vincent Cook of Portland, one of the most charming and accomplished orators of the northwest, who has been speaking under federal auspices, and the Rev. Myron L. Booser of Medford. Speaking will follow the parade of war mothers and will begin promptly at 9 o'clock p. m. at the city park. The speeches will be brief, about 20 minutes in length. The parade will start promptly at 7:30 o'clock.

# NATION'S WEALTH SO GREAT WAR CAN'T DEplete IT

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 18.—America's vast shipbuilding program has opened the eyes of the world to her tremendous possibilities, declares Peter O. Knight, vice-president and general counsel of the American International Shipbuilding corporation, which operates the big plant at Hog Island.

"It is the best possible evidence that we intend to stick," he said. "The Japanese visitors counted the 50 ways, one by one, and exclaimed: 'Why, we have only ten more ways in our whole country than you have in this one yard.' And Lord Reading of England, declared that it typified the limitlessness of America.

"Others ask how we can do such things, and they learn that at the beginning of the war the wealth of the United States was \$250,000,000,000, compared with \$85,000,000,000 as the wealth of Great Britain, \$80,000,000,000 for Germany and \$55,000,000,000 for France.

"We have half the total banking resources of the world. Since the war began we have bought back \$4,000,000,000 of securities, loaned \$7,000,000,000 to allies and extended credit to the allies and business concerns to the amount of \$7,000,000,000 more. We have carried on the enlarged business of the country and a war costing us \$50,000,000 a day.

"And America's wealth has increased since August, 1914. It has one-fourth of the commerce of the globe and has accumulated a third of the gold supply of the world. So great is the nation's wealth that even this war cannot deplete it. Informed Germans or citizens of other nations cannot think Germany can win with America against her."

# DOZEN SOLDIERS PERISH IN TRAIN WRECK

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 18.—Failure of a freight train to receive necessary orders, it was said at the general offices of the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad today was believed to have been the cause of the wreck of a troop train and the freight near Marshfield, Mo., Tuesday night.

Reports show that 12 soldiers and two railroad employes were killed and 38 soldiers injured. It is said that most of the troops killed and injured were from Colorado and Minnesota.

## ITALIAN PREMIER VISITS PREMIER CLEMENCEAU

PARIS, Tuesday, Sept. 17.—(Havas.)—Premier Vittorio Orlando of Italy arrived here this morning. He was received by Premier Clemenceau and the Italian ambassador.

## AVIATOR BURNED TO DEATH IN MID AIR AT TORONTO

TORONTO, Ont., Sept. 18.—When his machine caught fire while flying more than 10,000 feet in the air near Leaside Camp late yesterday, Cadet Henry C. Saunders was burned to death.

# WAR COST NATION BILLION DOLLARS FOR EACH OF 17 MONTHS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—Seventeen months of war have cost the United States government \$17,329,481,242—a billion dollars a month. This rate has increased so rapidly, however, that August expenses ran up to \$1,805,513,222, or nearly \$200,000,000 more than the highest previous record set in July.

These figures from the treasury show that less than 1 1/2 years of modern warfare have cost the United States more than four times the combined Union and Confederate outlays for three years of the Civil war, calculated at \$3,660,000,000 for the union and \$1,500,000,000 for the confederates.

The report also shows double the rate of increase in expenditures estimated by the government in June, then set at \$100,000,000 more each month. If this rate continues, expenditures for the year ending next June 30 will be much more than the \$24,000,000,000 estimated, and the country may be called on to absorb more than the \$16,000,000,000 of liberty bonds now tentatively planned.

The treasury report also shows further that of the \$17,329,000,000 cost of the war to date, \$10,389,077,000 has been spent for ordinary war purposes, and \$6,940,000,000 has gone as financial aid to the allies. This will be repaid eventually, and consequently may be deducted in calculating the net war expenses to the United States government.

Only \$5,031,478,000 has been gathered by the government from taxes, customs and other minor sources of revenue since the war started, and \$12,300,000,000 from liberty loans and sale of certificates of indebtedness, which are to be converted into liberty bonds. This indicates that only 23 per cent of war expenses to date have been drawn directly from the pockets of the people, and that 71 per cent has come from popular borrowings which will necessitate heavy tax levies long after the war.

# CAPTURED HUNS ANXIOUS FOR PEACE

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE LORRAINE FRONT, Sept. 18.—(By the Associated Press.) German and Austrian prisoners taken in the recent advance by the Americans in this section displayed great interest when they learned of the Austrian peace suggestion when the news reached the camps. They made no effort to conceal their discouragement when assured by the American soldiers that peace is a long way off unless Germany is willing to admit she is beaten.

Stories told by the prisoners indicate a lack of harmony between the Austrians and Germans and reflect the lowered morale of the central powers. The prisoners' conversation shows they realize the hopelessness of their cause and their belief that they are fighting for some object which to them is apparently not clear.

The captured men are in good condition. They are well clothed, well fed and healthy.

# DISCOVER CODE WHEREBY BOGHE KILLED KITCHENER

LONDON, Sept. 18.—A sensational story of the code cablegram that led to the murder of Lord Kitchener on a British cruiser has just been made public by Arnold White, the British publicist.

"How did the Germans know that Kitchener was on the cruiser Hampshire? How did they know where the Hampshire was? Or did they know?"

These questions have been propounded all over the world, following the sinking of the warship and with it the great British general.

White answers these questions. He first made the revelation at a meeting of the British Empire Union recently.

"Kitchener's murder," he said "is one of the great proofs of the existence of a great, ably-organized and wonderful machine in our midst.

"Twenty-four hours before the voyage it was decided to alter the course of the Hampshire to enable a visit to be made to the islands in the north.

"On that day a cablegram was sent to Holland asking in clear English: 'Shall Herbert enter the legal academy next December?'"

"The first censor, a young man, passed it; but the second censor, more experienced, wondered why the sender had gone to the extra expense of cabling the word 'the.'"

"The answer to his query is this: The initial letters of the words in the cablegram spell—

"Shetland."

"And it was off the Orkney Islands that Lord Kitchener met his death in the sinking of the Hampshire."

# FRENCH BARBERS TICKLE YANKS

French barber shops are a novelty to the American soldiers. Here's what Lawrence G. Forsythe, first lieutenant Co. E, 110th Engineers, writes to his parents in Denver:

"This morning I went to the barber shop, which I have done before, but never to such a barber shop as this. The windows were covered with lace curtains and the only indication that it was a barber shop was a dainty little sign 'Coiffeur.' I ventured timidly in and at the first glance thought I had walked into a session of the Russian duma, judging from the much 'bewhiskered' gentleman who greeted me. The floor was inlaid oak and the barber chairs were very similar to dining room chairs, everything was very petit and dainty. After a few grunts they discovered what I wanted so they put a white kimono on me and the operation started. Powder puffs were used constantly and about 10 different atomizers of different perfumes and lotions. All this was six or eight months ago and I still smell like a perfume factory.

"We are having lots of fun with the money. For 25 cents we can get about a million dollars in change. The boys are shooting craps with it and when one has won all he can carry his profits are anywhere from three to eight cents."

# KILLS 10 HUNS, TAKES 6 PRISONERS FOR 100TH V. C.

LONDON, England, Sept. 18.—King George has just issued the 100th Victoria Cross to Lance Corporal Thomas Leslie Axford, an Australian. In 56 years after the famous V. C. was instituted only 522 awards had been made. In the four years of this war, King George has issued 478.

The V. C. is the most coveted of all the British military decorations. You might get some decorations for a comparatively ordinary deed, or an O. B. E. because of your political standing.

But you "do something" for a V. C. Take the case of Axford, who got the 1000th one. Here's part of the official report as to why he got it.

"When the barrage lifted and the infantry advance commenced, his platoon was able to reach the first enemy defenses through gaps which had been cut in the wire.

"The adjoining platoon being delayed by uncut wire, enemy machine guns got into action and inflicted many casualties, including the company commander.

"Lance Corporal Axford, with great initiative and magnificent courage, at once dashed to the flank, threw his bombs amongst the machine gun crew, jumped into the trench and charged with his bayonet. Unaided he killed 10 of the enemy and took six prisoners; he threw the machine guns over the parapet and called out to the delayed platoon to come on. He then returned and fought through the battle."

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Medford, Oregon, Jan 13, 1917 TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that I, the undersigned, had very severe stomach trouble and had been bothered for several years and last August was not expected to live, and hearing of Gim Chung (whose Herb Store is at 214 South Front street, Medford) I decided to get herbs for my stomach trouble, and I started to feeling better as soon as I used them and today am a well man and can heartily recommend anyone afflicted as I was to see Gim Chung and try his Herbs.

(Signed) W. R. JOHNSON, Witnesses: M. A. Anderson, Medford S. B. Holmes, Eagle Point, Wm. Lewis, Eagle Point, W. L. Childreth, Eagle Point, C. E. Moore, Eagle Point, J. V. McIntyre, Eagle Point, Geo. B. Von der Hellen, Eagle Point, Thos. E. Nichols, Eagle Point. Friday, June 28th, War Savings Day



## ATTENTION! Sick Women

To do your duty during these trying times your health should be your first consideration. These two women tell how they found health.

Hellam, Pa.—"I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for female troubles and a displacement. I felt all run down and was very weak. I had been treated by a physician without results, so decided to give Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial, and felt better right away. I am keeping house since last April and doing all my housework, where before I was unable to do any work. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is certainly the best medicine a woman can take when in this condition. I give you permission to publish this letter."—Mrs. E. R. CRUMLING, R. No. 1, Hellam, Pa.

Lowell, Mich.—"I suffered from cramps and dragging down pains, was irregular and had female weakness and displacement. I began to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound which gave me relief at once and restored my health. I should like to recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's remedies to all suffering women who are troubled in a similar way."—Mrs. ELISE HERM, R. No. 6, Box 89, Lowell, Mich.

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