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## WOULD EVACUATE FRANCE--BUT CAN'T.

The German army held too long on the Hindenburg line, because they wished to make a showing of strength to back up their peace offensive. They want to get back—but Marshal Foch refuses to give his permission. He purposes to have a heavy toll of prisoners and guns before he will allow Von Hindenburg's shattered hosts to cross the Rhine into their own territory.

The Germans are fighting only rear guard actions; and by making no determined stand before LeCateau indicate they have no intention of clinging to any part of France beyond the Maubeuge line. Maubeuge is the southernmost protective link in the defenses the Germans have constructed for safeguarding their hold upon the Meuse line in Belgium. If the British and Americans succeed in driving the Germans from Maubeuge, the line of retreat would be along the Sambre river, which joins the Meuse at Namur. Namur, in its turn, is the southern key to Liege and guards the military passageway from Belgium into Germany.

The Anglo-American wedge, therefore, which is now moving relentlessly upon LeCateau, has but to continue its present northeasterly direction in a straight line to reach Liege. This is the ultimate objective of the present movement. It thus has a relationship with the American operations north of Verdun, which are moving down the Meuse to close the Luxembourg exit out of France. If the Americans from Verdun follow the Meuse along its course and the Americans in Picardy continue the present direction of their advance past Maubeuge, the two armies will join forces at Namur. That is not an impossibility, but may well occur in the not far distant future.

From the standpoint of postal receipts, Salem has grown about 200 per cent since 1906. Twelve years ago the total receipts of the office were about \$30,000 annually. During the past four quarters, the receipts have equalled or exceeded this amount, showing a total of more than \$120,000 for the year.

## Rippling Rhymes

by Walt Mason

### AUTUMN CHILL.

The chilly wind begins to sing, it's been on ice, I trow; the overcoat I soaked last spring would be a blessing now. But it will have to stay in pawn; the cost of living's high, and all my bank account is gone, there's not a kopeck nigh. The wailing winds of which you've heard blow cold across the sea; gone southward is the dicky-bird that used to sing to me; the gentle flowers are in the hole, o'er their dead stalks I weep; and in the elm tree's hollow hole the aardvark lies asleep. The night wind has a dismal note, a sort of piercing whine; and I bewail the overcoat my uncle has in brine. The clouds are hanging low today, there is a threat of rain; the trees are gaunt and blue and gray, and in the blast complain. The leaves are flying everywhere, they soar and swoop like bats; and all the chill October air seems full of dust and hats. As though it had a human throat, that cold wind pipes its tune; alas, the good old overcoat I soaked the tenth of June! Oh, other men may face the storm, the biting, arctic breeze, and keep their slats and innards warm, but I must shake and freeze. In my sad grange that has no moat, all winter I must stay, and wish I had the overcoat I soaked one vernal day.

## THE WIFE

By JANE PHELPS

CLAUDE BECKLEY SUCCEEDS IN SPOILING RUTH'S EVENING.

CHAPTER LV.  
"The d— fool!" Ruth heard Brian say under his breath, then, as a wave of crimson dyed his face, he said: "Mollie has some business that I am looking after for her and it saves a lot of time if I do it at luncheon instead of when I might be seeing someone else."  
He realized that in view of what Claude Beckley had, that it was a lame explanation. While it had really been more than an hour since Beckley had seen them—although now Ruth would not believe it—yet he had sat over the luncheon all the afternoon. He recalled that he had looked at his watch, just as they arose from the table and it had been just five-thirty. It was now only a little after seven. So Beckley wasn't so far off.  
Ruth felt stunned. Had things gone so far that Brian neglected his business, remained away from the office the entire afternoon, to be with Mollie King? "Where did you lunch, Brian?" she asked very quietly. Too quietly, Brian thought. Her voice sounded ominous.  
"At the Brewert."  
Suddenly Ruth knew what to do. She would not upbraid him. She would not allow him to think that she thought him guilty of any wrong—neither was she at all sure in her own mind that he had wronged her in any way.

"I wish you had called me up and asked me down there too. I should have enjoyed it immensely."  
Brian was so taken aback he couldn't speak for a minute, then he said gruffly: "How did I know your boss was going to give you the afternoon?"  
"I have to lunch somewhere every day. I can always take an hour—or a little more. When you have time to go to a really nice place I wish you would call me up and ask me to meet you."  
"All right! I will," he breathed more freely. Was she going to be nice about it? He had been afraid of a scene. Yet, knowing Ruth, he should have known that she would make no scene in a public place. Perhaps when they got home he'd catch it. How he hated that fool, Beckley, meddlesome boob.  
The waiter came with their order, and while Brian ate what he had ordered, he noticed that Ruth ate scarcely a thing. And she had told him that she was hungry. She asked for coffee with her dinner and drank two strong cups. Something she had never done before, and consequently Brian looked upon it as added proof that she was trying to hold back the lecture he was to get when he reached home; she was bracing up on coffee. So he expressed it in his own thoughts.  
In one way he was right. Ruth trembled so she could scarcely control her-

## Preacher Causes Arrest Of Bootlegging Gang

Portland, Ore., Oct. 10.—Withstanding gas attacks and floods, the Rev. Boudinot Seeley uncovered an alleged bootlegging plot and caused the arrest of two Pullman porters besides capturing the liquor. The minister laid his evidence before the United States attorney today and presented one of the porters with the liquor as evidence. Seeley left Cottage Grove on an early morning train today. Passing through a tourist sleeping car he discovered the porter examining a cache of liquor. He determined to stand guard over the cache.  
The porter flooded the car floor with water an inch deep in an effort to oust the minister but without success.  
Another porter was called on for help. The two emptied a bottle of formaldehyde under the minister's nose, but could not drive him from his post.  
The minister persuaded the conductor to telegraph ahead and one porter was taken off the train at Eugene. The other was taken in charge here.

## Would Like Secret For Looking Well

"Two weeks ago I weighed 96 lbs. Now I weigh 105 pounds and feel perfectly well. Anyone I see suffering I tell them of what Mayr's Wonderful Remedy has done for me. They all want to know what makes me look so well. Your medicine has also been a real life saver for my mother. I cannot recommend it too highly for stomach trouble." It is a simple, harmless preparation that removes the catarrhal mucus from the intestinal tract and allays the inflammation which causes practically all stomach, liver and intestinal ailments, including appendicitis. One dose will convince or money refunded. J. C. Perry, Capital Drug Store, and druggists everywhere.

## Aviators Use Oxygen To Help Whip Hum

Washington, Oct. 11.—American aviators are using oxygen to help whip the Hum.  
Every time a pilot in the American army goes aloft over the German lines he carries an oxygen tank with a supply that will permit breathing in any atmosphere, the war department announced today.  
"This is a gift horse, pure and simple," a memorandum issued by the flight surgeons to the flying corps reads. "Regard it as a trusty friend that will carry you safely at trying altitudes, pulling you out of many a rough rut of flagging force and bringing you back to terra firma with the least expenditure of strength and energy. Can you afford to be less alert than your enemy? Can you refuse to use any weapon placed at your disposal? Have you effort or be less alert than your own great moment comes? Then be fit, keep fit, use your oxygen apparatus."

## Curtail Industries To Prosecute War

Washington, Oct. 11.—Increasing war demand, caused the war industries board today to announce further curtailment of industries to conserve labor, fuel and transportation.  
The output of oil stoves is curtailed 50 per cent for six months, beginning October 1, with the manufacture of gasoline stoves eliminated entirely.  
No road making machinery except that used for new construction for the government or public utilities will be manufactured during the same period. The manufacture of watches, sewing machines and metallic stencils is curtailed from 25 to 50 percent for the same period.  
No harness may be manufactured with the exception of that needed for the United States and her allies.

## Why FISHER'S BLEND Flour?

The Government Has Advanced The Price Of Oregon And Washington Wheat  
To meet this advance manufacturers of Oregon and Washington Wheat flours have increased their prices, until there is little if any difference between the price of Oregon and Washington Wheat Flours and that of Fisher's Blend.  
THE SUPERIOR QUALITY OF FISHER'S BLEND AS COMPARED WITH OTHER FLOURS IS ABSOLUTELY THE SAME NOW AS BEFORE.  
Just as in pre-war times Fisher's Blend is made of Choicest Eastern Hard Wheat and Choicest Washington Bluestem.  
If it was Economy in pre-war times to pay more for Fisher's Blend than for other flours, certainly it is greater economy now to buy it at practically the same price for which other flours sell.

## BETTER THAN CALOMEL

Thousands Have Discovered Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets are a Harmless Substitute.  
Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets—the substitute for calomel—are a mild but sure laxative, and their effect on the liver is almost instantaneous. They are the result of Dr. Edwards' determination not to treat liver and bowel complaints with calomel. His efforts to banish it brought out these little olive-colored tablets.  
These pleasant little tablets do the good that calomel does, but have no bad after effects. They don't injure the teeth like strong liquids or calomel. They take hold of the trouble and quickly correct it. Why cure the liver at the expense of the teeth? Calomel sometimes plays havoc with the gums. So do strong liquids. It is best not to take calomel, but to let Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets take its place.  
Most headaches, "dullness" and that lazy feeling come from constipation and a disordered liver. Take Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets when you feel "foggy" and "heavy." Note how they "clear" clouded brain and how they "perk up" the spirits. 10c and 25c a box. All druggists.

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## GERMANS WERE PRIZE

With The British Armies in France, Oct. 11.—A detachment of German cyclists was brought up near Premont early yesterday morning to lead a projected attack.  
Some doughboys and Tommies filtered past the spot where the Germans were waiting. After they had got some distance beyond they discovered the boches and started back to take them prisoner. About the same time other infantrymen, coming up from the opposite direction, spotted the Germans. A wild race ensued with the Germans as a prize. The result, according to the prisoners themselves, was about a dead heat.

## Freight Rate On Apples Materially Reduced

Apple growers are elated over the reduction from \$1.125 to \$1.10 per 100 pounds in the transcontinental freight rate on apples shipped from Oregon, Washington and Idaho to eastern markets.  
Information that this reduction had been granted by the railroad administration, effective immediately, was received by the public service commission in a telegram from Chairman Frank J. Miller, who is now in Washington.  
Chairman Miller estimated that the reduction would effect a saving of \$800,000 to shippers of the three northwest states. Storage charges on apples in transit will be five cents per 100 pounds.

## WHEN WEAK OR RUN DOWN

by chronic or acute throat and lung troubles which often decrease efficiency and shorten life itself. **ECKMAN'S ALTERNATIVE**  
This is a Calcium preparation possessing of marked tonic value in addition to its remedial qualities. Contains no Alcohol, Stimulants or Heat-Purifying Drugs. \$2 size, now \$1.50. \$1 size, now 80c. Price includes war tax. All druggists. Eckman Laboratory, Philadelphia.

## Sore Throat, Colds

QUICKLY RELIEVED BY HAMLINS WIZARD OIL  
Sore throat and chest colds should never be neglected. Few people realize how often they result in rheumatism, tonsillitis, diphtheria, pneumonia and consumption. Ham's Wizard Oil is a safe, simple and effective treatment. It contains no chloroform or other dangerous drugs but is composed of the most healing, penetrating oils. Used as a gargle for sore throat it brings quick relief. Rubbed on the chest it will often loosen up a hard, deep seated cold in one night.  
Wizard Oil is a good, dependable preparation to keep in the medicine chest for first aid when the doctor may be far away. How often sprains, bruises, cuts and burns occur in every family, as well as little troubles like carache, toothache, cold sores, canker sores, stiff neck, and tired, aching feet. Soothing, healing Wizard Oil will always bring quick relief.  
Get a bottle from your druggist for 25c and use the medicine. If not entirely satisfied take the bottle back to him and he will return your money.  
If you are troubled with constipation or sick headache try Ham's Wizard Liver Whip. Just pleasant little pink pills at druggists for 25c. Guaranteed.

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