MR. LEWIS MEETS A NATURE STUDENT

"You noticed that young feller from the city that's been boardin' with me a spell this summer, Martin?" asked Mr. Lewis as he wound his reins round the whipstock and disposed himself sidewise upon the seat of his "porter wagon."

"I've seen him once or twice," admitted Mr. Martin. "Fust time was a day or two after he got here—mebbe a week. He looked kind of [illegible] up to me. That was one [illegible]. And the next time I saw him was down to the post office one morning. He walked kind of lame that day. What's been the matter with him?"

Mr. Lewis grinned a little ruefully. "When he come," he said, "he was going to stay all summer and write a book. He was some kind of a [illegible], so he told us. He'd studied [illegible] in the schools in the cities, and now he'd got to the p'int where he was goin' to jest move into the country, where he'd have a chance to observe things at first-hand—that's what he told me and my wife—and make notes of all the raw, and then he'd be all cooked and primed, near's I could gather, to write all about 'em."

"Well, why didn't he stay and do it?" demanded the practical Mr. Martin.

Mr. Lewis grinned again. "I kind of got the notion from what I've seen of him in city gear three weeks," he said, "that in the way and 'nother he's picked up enough information to last him a considerable time, such as 'tis. But I don't believe much of it'll ever get printed in any book he'll be likely to write," he added.

"What kind of information?" asked Mr. Martin impatiently.

"Well," said Mr. Lewis, easily, "I reckon I can make it plain to you by my mentioning to tell you some of the things he learned. Fust place, one of the things he was most set on was learnin' how long it took a green apple to grow round home. He meant by that the wild fields. I tol' him that most fifty years but I'd never seen any weed of that I could remember. He [illegible] sir, I didn't know much but he'd show me—and the [illegible] was good's his word. He [illegible] out noon with his hands [illegible] of one kind of touch and round his neck he [illegible] to fill a meal [illegible] that it was a [illegible] and held brought it home [illegible] his book and [illegible] he'd draped [illegible] he could carry [illegible] full. The [illegible] to look at [illegible] and his face [illegible] from that ivy [illegible] he looked [illegible]."

[illegible] was so on [illegible] was to [illegible] with the small animals [illegible]. He knew [illegible], he said, but [illegible] knowledge [illegible] same.

[illegible] into the house one [illegible]. Seems what he [illegible] turned out to [illegible] when he under[illegible] a mice with his [illegible] full of spines. I [illegible] chase in the [illegible] out with pliers, I drained held yet, like [illegible] to went a mite [illegible] to the post of [illegible] that would come [illegible] med[illegible] don't know about, [illegible] yesterday [illegible] down out of the [illegible] his arms and battin' [illegible] me he'd found [illegible] on a tree, but [illegible] ready to pick it some [illegible] and he had to [illegible] that 'fungoid' [illegible] said I thought it was [illegible] kind of consistent and wanted [illegible] go with him and get [illegible] I [illegible] my mind he'd [illegible] on [illegible] wasp [illegible] the [illegible] So I [illegible] to get to the tree and [illegible] I see why it was. [illegible] a peck mea[illegible] I was trying to think [illegible] from a sinner if he [illegible] try to pick it off [illegible].

Mr. Lewis's response [illegible] "I don't want to see what [illegible] a man as old and fat's [illegible] run. I got one look at [illegible] as I was startin' and he [illegible] to be in a kind of fog of [illegible] but he was running. If he [illegible] fell into the brook all over, I [illegible] what they'd have stung [illegible] bath. And this mornin' he [illegible] home.

[illegible] to the country to learn," Mr. Lewis as he took up his reins, [illegible] to dill learn. But, as I said, [illegible] can't believe he'll feel to write a [illegible] about it!"

If your foot slip you may recover your balance, but if your tongue you cannot recall your words."

end will come, and this much-tortured earth
d a forgetting and a fuller birth.
can destroy, but Nature will replace,
from man's ruins raise a nobler race.

From Erin's Green Isle

NEWS BY MAIL FROM IRELAND'S SHORES.

Happenings in the Emerald Isle of Interest to Irishmen.

A card rationing system has been suggested as a solution of the coal supply problem in Dublin.

The sales of war savings certificates in Ireland for the month of June amounted to £175,908.

The Hon. John Donohoe Fitzgerald, K.C., who died recently in Dublin, left an estate valued at £121,163.

The death has occurred at Monte Carlo of Lieut. Wallscourt, of Ardfry Castle, Oranmore, County Galway.

Mr. Short has stated that the Irish Government will take up the question of housing after the war.

Constable McBrien, Royal Irish Constabulary, has been appointed drill instruction sergeant at Belfast.

Lieut. Col. P. E. Leahy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leahy, Tralee, was killed by a shell while leading his men into action.

Word has been received of the death in action of Colonel A. C. Pratt, R.I.F., of Enniscope, County Mayo.

It is said that previous service in the army should be the chief qualification for appointments in the Metropolitan Police Force, Dublin.

Employees, who are paying less than the minimum wages have been warned that they will be proceeded against by the Government.

Lieut. J. E. Barnett, R.A.F., son of R. Barnett, Leeson Park avenue, Dublin, was accidentally killed while flying.

The Cork Steam Packet Co. has been sold to a large shipping firm, but the name of the firm has not yet been disclosed.

The death is announced of Lieut.-Col. L. Corban, of Bettyville, Termoney, a brother of the late General Corban.

Thomas Murphy, the Faythe, Wexford, has received Lloyd's silver medal and £50 for having saved fifty lives at sea.

The Irish Turk Club has given £1,000 to the Irish Red Cross Society and £500 to the Irish Prisoners of War Fund.

Major J. C. Callaghan, R.A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. Callaghan, Ferndene, Blackrock, Co. Dublin, has been killed in action.

The St. Patrick's Society of Shanghai are giving £75 a year to endow a bed in Galway Hospital for Irish soldiers.

Private James Duffy, a native of Letterkenny, was decorated with the Victoria Cross by the King at Buckingham Palace.

GERMANY TO GET PAINTINGS.

It is Said Famous Cassel Collection Will Be Released.

Berlin despatches say that the agreement between Germany and the Russian Soviet provides for the return to Germany of the valuable paintings carried from Cassel to Paris in 1806 and afterward sold to the Hermitage in Petrograd, says the Chicago Daily News. Among the pictures are several famous works by Rembrandt.

The group of pictures in the Hermitage galleries at Petrograd known as the Cassel collection have had an interesting history. They were gathered together by the landgraves of Hesse and Cassel, Germany. In 1806 Napoleon got them and transported them to France and turned them over to the Empress Josephine. They then became part of the so-called Malmaison collection of thirty-eight pictures. After the fall of Napoleon the Hermitage acquired the collection for [illegible] (about $235,000), a price that [illegible] be paid for one of the [illegible] alone. The Hermitage [illegible] paintings from the collections [illegible] Hortense of Holland, and of Marshal Soult, one of Napoleon's generals, [illegible] of which were collected by [illegible] addition of other galleries. It is believed that some of the Cassel [illegible] these collections also. The Cassel collection is among the [illegible] world. It includes forty-one [illegible], six Velasquezes, [illegible] Rembrandts, thirty-four Van [illegible], forty Teniers, nine Potters, [illegible] twenty Murillos, fifty [illegible] and many others. The [illegible] have been agitating for the return of the pictures of the Cassel [illegible] for several years. As the Germans have recovered many famous works from St. Quentin, Laon, [illegible] other occupied cities it remains to be seen whether or not they will make good their boast that they do this to place them in security, whether they will have to be forced to disgorge them at the end of the war.

The Banner.

A man who has taken much interest in the woman suffrage movement was persuaded to carry a banner in a parade.

His wife observed him marching with a dejected air and carrying his banner so that it hung limply on its standard, and later she reproved him for not making a better appearance.

"Why didn't you march like somebody, and let the people see your banner?" she asked.

"Dearie," sighed the husband, "did you see what was on that banner? It read 'Any man can vote. Why can't I?'"

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ST. BERNARD DOGS ECONOMY VICTIMS

ALL BUT SIX AT FAMOUS MONASTERY KILLED TO SAVE FOOD.

Bread Shortage Affects the French Nation More Seriously Than Any Other.

All but six of the famous St. Bernard dogs kept by the monks of that ancient monastery in the Alps have been killed. Shortage of meat caused by the war led to this massacre.

The St. Bernard Pass is of historical renown. It connects the valleys of the Rhone and the Dora Baltea. It was traversed by Roman legions thousands of years ago. In mediaeval times the pass served the armies of conquerors and the bands of mercenaries. Napoleon crossed the Alps at this point in 1800.

The great monastery was built in the middle of the sixteenth century. It was maintained for the relief of travellers who were surprised by snowstorms while crossing the pass. The St. Bernard dogs were used to find the frozen victims of the storms in the snowdrifts. They were specially trained for this work of relief and carried the first aid to the injured in a little basket attached to their collars. These dogs rescued thousands of human beings, many of whom were of historical prominence. And for the first time in the history of this famous monastery the dogs had to be slaughtered for want of food.

Human Food First Interest.

At other times a report of this sort would create profound interest in Paris, but at present the human race is thinking of its own necessities and cares less about dog heroes living more than 8,100 feet above the surface of the sea.

To-day the people of France are restricted in the consumption of meat, bread or any other article of food in the making of which dough or flour is used and sugar. There are three meatless days and to prevent any one buying meat in advance the rule restricts purchases to 200 grains of meat on a day preceding a meatless day.

The sale of meat is prohibited on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. In hotels and restaurants no guest is entitled to more than 100 grams of meat as part of a meal Tuesdays. This restriction is aimed at hoarding. Even slaughter houses are entirely closed the meatless days. Thus the attempt is made to prevent, as far as possible, any violation of the rule.

Of course any attempt at enforcing restrictions of this sort in the provinces would be needless. The French peasants eat little meat, once or twice a week at the most, if at all.

French Are Frugal People.

The average Englishman consumes much more meat. England had three meatless days a week, applied to restaurants and similar dining rooms, beginning in the summer of 1917. However, these meatless days were abolished, the order taking effect May 17 this year. In place of the former restriction a meat card was issued. This card entitles the holder to a certain amount of meat, which he may buy four specified days of the week. Englishmen are consuming about double the amount of meat eaten by the same number of Frenchmen at present.

French frugality in meat is the more remarkable as it is accompanied by a similar and much more drastic restriction in the consumption of bread. "A Frenchman," according to a peace time wit, "is a gentleman who wears a decoration and orders an extra portion of bread." Bread has been the staff of life for the French people.

Still, France is in a better position than adjacent countries. Meat is very scarce and costly in Belgium. In Antwerp one has to pay twenty francs for a pound of meat and thirty francs for a pound of bacon. In Meerle, near Antwerp, a butcher paid 2,625 francs for a two-year-old steer. Cows are sold for 5,000 and goats for 500 francs.

Swiss Regulation Strict.

At Val de Travers, Switzerland, two butchers were found guilty of having violated the Government rule regulating the price of calves. The butchers were fined 1,500 francs each and will have to pay the cost of the trial, while fifteen farmers, to whom the butchers had paid more than the maximum price allowed, were acquitted by the jury.

In the course of proceedings in the court it was shown that an army officer of the commissary department in buying cattle for the army had also paid more than the maximum price permitted. Now the State's attorney is going to prosecute the army officer for the same offence for which the two butchers were found guilty.

In Vienna meat rations for hotels, dining rooms and boarding houses were cut 20 per cent., beginning July 1. Even meat supplies for hospitals were reduced 10 per cent. This caused increased prices.

ERASING BLOTS ON THE MAP.

Names of Allied Heroes Should Replace Those of German Origin.

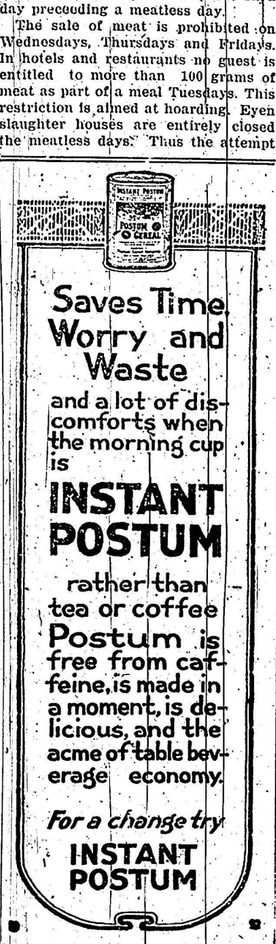
Every German name which occurs on the map of the British Empire is a blot which ought to be erased, and something more worthy put in its place. What Briton wants to live in a Schomberg, a Kaiserstuhl, or a Grunthal, names which sound like things that swine say when they are at the trough, or longing to be?

South Australia has taken the lead in expunging from her borders every name which offends the eye and ear by its Hunnish origin, and either simply and sufficiently anglicising it, as Summerfield for Summerfeld, and Olivedale for Oliventhal, or wholly changing the name for something which will in future remind the inhabitants of the mighty struggle for the freedom of mankind which we are passing through at this era in the world's history, names like Mount Kitchener, Beatty, Maude, Dorrien, Allenby, Jellicoe, Jutland, Sturdee, Mons, and Cambrai.

Already this has been done in isolated cases in the other colonies; but a clean sweep ought to be made, and the great names, which are legion, of British and French and Italian heroes, of towns not less heroic, of battles called after places which are no longer anything but a scarred mud-heap, substituted for them.

Strong On the Count.

"The way the Germans count their prisoners," said the office boy, "reminds me of the circus barker who stood in front of the tent and barked: "Walk up, ladies and gents. Walk up and see the remarkable African hyena. Measures 16 feet from the tip of his nose to the end of his tail, and the same distance back again, making 32 feet in all. Walk right up, ladies and gents."



FRENCH WAR DOGS.

Faithful Servants Are Cared For By Blue Cross Society.

Not every one realizes the important place which dogs are taking in this war. Of course, the Germans began training dogs for war uses many years ago, but the French did nothing in that line for two years after war had begun. They now have 18,000 dogs trained or in training. These are cared for by the Blue Cross, which, at the request of the French Government, has attached a dog hospital to all the Blue Cross base hospitals in France where war horses are treated. All dogs named by the French army are received at these bases, disinfected and quarantined. They are then assigned for duty or training.

Terriers are used to free the trenches of rats, and the larger dogs are used for patrol work, to police prisoners, as first aids to ambulances to carry appliances and water, to seek out the wounded men in shell holes and out-of-the-way places. It is said that Sanicyde dogs have actually saved the guns to which they were harnessed; they carry shells, and even draw sleighs and light transport. Perhaps most important of all are the messenger dogs, which can travel where men cannot go, and exceed any other messenger except the pigeon in speed. They travel through the barrage making 23 or 24 miles an hour, and are, literally, "faithful unto death," striving even when wounded to perform their alloted task. No one would question for an instant the fine appreciation which has caused the French Government to "mention" its dogs in despatches.

So far, over 1,000 dogs have been treated at the hospitals. All operations on dogs and horses are performed under anaesthetics by trained veterinarians. The town of Mossley lately presented to Lady Smith-Dorrien, president of the Blue Cross fund, a cheque for £1,050, which is the first instalment of its subscription towards this fine work. Mossley is a town of only 8,000 inhabitants.

Thistle Down.

Thistle down, thistle down,
Blowing from the west,
Sail across the surging seas
To the boy that I love best.
Kiss his rosy lips for me
And nestle in his ear,
And whisper "Mother waits for you,
Son-Boy, over here."

To-day the birds are singing
In their choirs of maple trees,
And the goldenrod is courted
By the hum of myriad bees;
The squirrels with heaven-sent vision
Add to their winter store;
And the streamlet ripples laughingly
To join the ocean's roar.

But what is that sails into view
And wakes me from my trance?
An airship blots out heaven's blue
And speaks of war and France!
The wild flowers wilt, the song birds cease;
All beauty fades away!
The world's at war! dear God send peace
My son's in France to-day!

Thistle down, thistle down,
Blowing from the west,
Sail across the surging seas
To the boy that I love best.
Kiss his rosy lips for me
And nestle in his ear,
And whisper: "Mother waits for you
Son-Boy over here."

Quick Excavation.

When Sir Harry Lauder, the Scottish comedian, who now spends most of his time singing to the boys at the front, gave one such entertainment to the Canadians up near Ypres, he took his place at the bottom of a sort of natural amphitheatre, on the sides of which the soldiers grouped themselves. After he was through he stood talking to one of the officers, and asked him how often the German shells landed fair inside the concentration camp.

"I don't know," said the officer. He looked around. "You know that hole you were singing in just now?"

I nodded, says the comedian. I had guessed that it had been made by a shell.

"Well, that's the result of a Boche shell," he said. "If you'd come yesterday we've had had to find another place for your concert!"

"Oh! Is that so," said I.

"Ay," he said, and grinned. "We didn't tell you before, Harry, because we didn't want you to feel nervous or anything like that while you were singing. But it was obliging of Fritz now, wasn't it? Think of his taking the trouble to dig out a fine theatre for us that way!"

"It was obliging of him, to be sure," I said, rather dryly.

"That's what we said," said the officer. "Why, as soon as I saw the hole that shell had made, I said to Campbell, 'By Jove, there's the very place for Harry Lauder's concert tomorrow!' And he agreed with me!"

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The Little Drum.

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was gone;
I shed no tear on that sad day,
Though the only light that ever
shone
On my lonely life had passed
away.
I was calm when I touched my empty
bed,
When I gathered up his games
and hat;
I was firm when I saw his little
sled—
But his drum—I could not look at
that.

It seemed somehow to speak that
little drum,
That lies neglected, silent
To me more eloquent, than
Than any voice on earth.
How strange that out of all
things—
His skates, his wagon, his
mitt—
His drum most poignantly
brings—
And still I cannot look at it.

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Any druggist will supply ounces of orchard white at little cost and the grocer has the lemon.

Impossible.

A good story appears in Ian Hay's books which is worth repeating. The scene is laid not "over there." A Cockney, thinking to be smart, said to a German spy got into the trenches, see," said the Cockney, "disguised as a joke, and being a Scotty, didn't see the laughter had subsided. "Jock" turned to the Cockney and said, "I suppose ye think yeself clever, but look here, my lad, it ever occur to you what would be tae England if Scotland made a separate peace?"

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Sloan's Liniment

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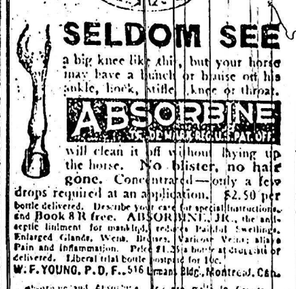

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