

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Among the misleading statements given by the German Information Service in the United States...

Again, reference has been made by German writers to the "low gold stock" in the Bank of England...

Note circulation in Germany has increased 200 per cent. since the war started, and the gold "cover" for this is only about 45 per cent.

In the United States the depreciation in German currency is about 13 per cent. It is true that British currency is also at a discount...

Up in a Zeppelin. The building of a Zeppelin is not the work of a day! The construction takes months, and until it has been done more time must be spent in testing the airship.

Right in front is the station of the lookout man, who is in charge of the starting and the landing; the anchors are slung beneath him.

An experienced aviator went up in a Zeppelin for a nine-hour trial flight. It was an interesting experience, although the noisy creaking of the great hull whenever the engines back-fired...

A Tough Problem. Isn't the servant problem terrible? "Very. The good ones get married and the poor ones don't stay long enough in one place to develop a romance."

The Soldier's Mother

My bonnie boy he went away To fight across the sea; I knew th'aters that fell that day Were heaven's gift to me.

But I was proud, though I was sad, For after many years, He stood, just as his father had, And kissed away my tears.

In some far spot beneath the sod My winsome laddie lies, While I must humbly thank my God For tears that fill my eyes.

Oh! I have known the joys of life, Behold its hopes and fears; But when the heart is torn with strife God's greatest gift is tears.

My only son, my greatest joy, That is the gift I gave; And if I weep, I'm proud my boy Lies in a soldier's grave.

He has no graven monument, But what is that to me; He died a man, so I'm content. These tears? God set them free.

Mothers, if when you mourn your dead, Your grief o'erwhelms your pride, Think had they lived then in their stead An Empire must have died.

HEALTH

One who dislikes to observe fashions in human conduct cannot help concluding that kissing is no longer a universal feminine custom.

If we could only bring promiscuous kissing under the ban for everyone, how many colds and coughs and minor infections we should be spared!

Affection can be shown without the touching of lip to lip. No caress is more charming than the gentle touch of cheek to cheek that well-bred Frenchwomen use.

Many persons continue the practice of kissing long after they have learned its dangers, because they fear to be misunderstood; but there are other harmless ways of showing their affection.

A girl's ill-health can frequently be attributed to the fact that she stands too much. This applies particularly to shopgirls and waitresses.

Clerks, on the other hand, are declared by physicians to sit too much. Long hours spent sitting at a desk, in a more or less cramped position, can seriously affect the health.

James L. Hughes, Toronto. "We are sons in our mother's house, We are masters in our own," And when mother shall need her sons She shall never stand alone.

We are partners with her for aye, We are bound by love sincere, And her faith in the right and true We shall evermore reverse.

He clasped her tiny hand in his. She stood before him quite erect, one of nature's fairest forms. He vowed to shield her from the wind and from the coldest storms.

CANADIAN BOOKLETS FREE.

The Dominion Parks Branch has recently issued three publications which are noteworthy on account of the attractive form in which they are printed and the interesting matter they contain.

The second pamphlet gives an interesting account of the formation, character and discovery of the famous Nakimu Caves near Glacier, B.C. These interesting natural curiosities are supposed to be about 40,000 years old.

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NUMBERS WILL SETTLE WAR

SO A NAVAL AND MILITARY EXPERT DECLARES.

The Relative Positions of the Allies and the Enemy Compared.

Mr. Hilaire Belloc, the eminent English naval and military writer, in a recent speech declared that the fact of numbers in this war was all important.

What is the decision the enemy is seeking? He is now just about equal with the allies, perhaps just a trifle superior, for he has secured his last and possibly his best recruitment during the past three weeks.

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ITALIAN RESERVISTS LEAVE NEW YORK



This picture shows some of the 500 Italian Reservists who sailed from New York on the steamer Duca d'Abruzzi for Naples to be assigned to their various regiments in Italy's second line army.

Fashion Hints

Black and White Popular.

The woman who positively cannot wear black "because it makes her look as old as Methuselah" is having her own great troubles these days.

Blouses of Canopy Patterns. The blouses which the summer girl will select for golf, tennis, boating and the like may be of plain linen or madras or may run to striped designs, of which the most popular are the broad canopy patterns.

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Young Folks

Tommy Shares His Feast. One bright morning in the summertime Tommy Sparrow returned from his morning fly over the country and settled down on the apple tree at the edge of the garden.

Shepherdess Bridesmaids. Lilies of the Valley and white lilies combined are taking the place of the usual orange blossoms for bridal bouquets.

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TURKISH RE

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A despatch from Rome says correspondent of the Idea Na telegraphing from Delegation a terrible picture of prevailing tions in Turkey, which he obtained from refugees from Constantinople arriving on the B frontier.

The troops, he declares, are both food and ammunition, they are ravaged by typhus and an appalling illness in the of sick. The shortage of food pronounced, and the scene is responsible for the immobility of the Turkish fleet, which is unable to take the offensive.

BOARDS TO REPORT ON PENSION CLAIMS

Medical Men Will Be Appointed to Every Military Division in Canada.

A despatch from Ottawa says that in every military division in Canada in connection with the pensioning of wounded soldiers the families of those killed in service. Already 250 pensions have been granted to them being for the families of soldiers. It is also reported that the sum of \$2,000,000 set aside for this purpose is not sufficient for the purpose.

The establishment of boards in the different divisions materially assist in the working of pensions, which is expected to reach large proportions. Reports to be sent from these medical boards to the pension board in Ottawa will then pass on each case.

To Plan for Future in the Food S

A despatch from London The Earl of Selborne, President of the Board of Agriculture, has pointed a committee, of which Milner is chairman to investigate as to "what steps should be taken to increase the production of food in England."

30,000 WAR CONTRACTS LET FROM OFFICE

A despatch from Ottawa says that 30,000 different contracts have been let since the beginning of the war. Up to the last session 11,000 had been let by the Militia Department.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT PENSIONERS

Should be Addressed to Pension Board at Ottawa.

A despatch from Ottawa says that the Militia Department is to the effect that in regard to pensions should be addressed to the pension board in Ottawa, as the pension board is in a position to give information in regard to pensioners.

FIGHTING ST

Nearly Four Million Permanent

A despatch from London Hilaire Belloc, the military estimate that the German army has lost a million men in the war. He bases his estimate on a careful analysis of the British casualties in the war. He says that the total British losses are 2,500,000 men, and that the German losses are 1,500,000 men.