

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Like the commonplace news of the death of ten thousand men, figures showing the enormous destruction of wealth which each day of war entails have ceased to hold the interest of the jaded world.

M. Sembat asks: "How will it be possible to pay the debts contracted or the interest on the loans and at the same time keep up as costly armaments and fleets as in the past without renouncing expenditures for social reforms which impose themselves to-day upon all civilized peoples?"

There used to be a legend that the hardships of campaigning strengthened the constitutions of those who escaped the missiles of the enemy.

The sick soldiers in the ordinary routine would be discharged from the army. Landouzy makes a plea for them. They are war invalids, he declares, as much as are the wounded.

Quarters of the Bavarian Trenches in Northern France.

To speak of the "comforts of home" in connection with life in the trenches seems a glaring misuse of language, yet that is the term that a correspondent of the Associated Press applies to the quarters of the Bavarian soldiers in northern France.

"It is certain that the trenches that I saw had not their equal on many of the fighting fronts. Every conceivable comfort that is available for a trench has been supplied, from shaving mirrors to four-post beds.

"To the rear of these trenches, far underground, are so-called undergrounds, or shelters, where the soldiers live when not on duty. These places are surprisingly comfortable, under the circumstances. Most of those occupied by the officers are provided with big four-post beds. Many have carpets on the floors, and all have electric lights, or at least a table lamp, at which the 'terrible Bavarians' conduct their devotions.

"Included in the 'comforts of home' that are part of the trenches is a bathing establishment, a little to the rear of the front, with bathtubs that are filled with heated spring water. The men who customarily spend some days in front and then go off duty for a like time, thus get a chance to bathe once in the week—often, if the spirit moves—while they are resting.

"It is interesting to remember in this connection that a certain Colonel Afansieff, who has seen much of the underground life led by soldiers and refugees alike in Poland, believes that, as a result of the war, no small part of the population of Europe will actually revert to cave life. The trenches, when properly built, are dry and warm, and the peasant and the city laborer alike find them more healthful and comfortable than their own abodes. They go back from the front on furloughs, but the towns and houses bore them; they are homesick for their trenches.

Salads were first made in Holland and Belgium.



The Hiding Place.

Two little figures came flying across the field; they stooped suddenly as they reached the big stack, and began to borrow into the hay. "Quiet, Ruth!" Roy panted. "This will be a great place to hide in."

There had been a quarrel; Roy and Ruth were on one side, and Roy's cousins, Harry and Nell, were on the other.

"They worked away like eager little moles, and before long they had dug a large, warm, hollow place, into which they crept, laughing softly.

"There!" Roy whispered, as he pulled in his foot and dragged down a light curtain of hay to hide the opening. "They'll never find us here!"

"Never in the world," Ruth agreed. "Isn't it soft and sweet-smelly back here? I suppose they're searching the farm for us. Harry is running one way and Nell the other."

"I'm a little bit scared," she whispered. "What about it? Probably it's a cow eating the hay."

"It must be two cows," Ruth decided. "Hear how they bustle and rustle."

"Dog," Roy decided. "The dust tickles him."

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A CANADIAN Nurse in London. A Canadian Red Cross Nurse selling flags in the street in London, England, on the day recently celebrated as French Flag Day.

Fashion Hints

What to Wear and How to Wear It. The long, puffy handbags are known as "Julietts."

All of Shakespeare's ladies appear with little money purses of satin or velvet, and so far as we have observed, they never carry anything more than a "hanky" in them.

Many women make the mistake of carrying these elaborate bags when they are attired in everyday costume.

Puffy roses made of satin or velvet are used and make wonderfully effective trimmings on dancing frocks.

A beautiful gown, showing these lovely contrived flowers, is of bronze colored chiffon, the skirt having tier upon tier of fluffy ruffles, cut in Vandykes.

COALING WARSHIPS AT SEA. Collier and War Vessel Do It Sailing Twelve Miles an Hour.

The British vessels of war are coaled, while sailing through heavy seas at a rate of twelve miles an hour, without hindering their activities in any way, is told in the Manchester Guardian.

Collier, packed to the hatches with coal, gets into touch by wireless with a battleship whose bunkers need to be replenished.

Was there ever anything so prevalent as the new silk sweater jacket? It shows up everywhere, in every color, on every kind of a woman and of every kind of a silk that looms ever contrived to weave.

Not Much. "There's not much petticoat rule nowadays, in spite of votes for women," said Mr. McFee.

Client—"You ought to have gone into the army, not the law," Solicitor said. "Why?" Client—"By the way you charge there would be little left of the enemy."

SMUT HAS DONE VERY MUCH DAMAGE

Some Out Fields Are Almost 50 Per Cent. Smut—How to Prevent This Disease.

So prevalent has been smut in various grain crops this year that J. M. Vorey, Barrie, Assistant District Representative of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, submits the following article:

The damage caused by smut to the oat crop throughout this country is enormous. In localities where the disease is the worst, some fields are almost 50 per cent. smut. There are also whole sections where the oat crop is reduced 20 per cent. on account of it.

There are two methods of treating smut with formalin. One is known as the "Dipping Method" and the other as the "Sprinkling Method."

Another man, who treated all his seed, and he claims that he had quite a lot of smut last year, but this year he has very little smut compared with the fields of his neighbors, who did not treat their seed.

As a great many people are of opinion that smut is caused by weather and soil conditions at time of seeding. This is a mistake. Smut is a fungus disease, and unless the spores causing the disease are present on the seed when it is put into the ground, there can be no smut that year.

Smuts are fungus diseases, that is, they are caused by minute colorless plants which live as parasites on the grain plants. The black powdery material is made up of the spores. These spores serve the same purpose to wheat as the seed of wheat does to the wheat plant.

It is unthinkable to believe that the four evangelists could create that in which every ordinary genius has failed—the Perfect Man.

Since the Bible does not give us an account of the person of Jesus Christ it may interest you to know of a description alleged to be derived from an ancient manuscript sent by Publius Lentulus, President of Judea, to the Senate of Rome.

It was rather a representative group, including a lawyer, a physician, a stock broker and a clergyman. The general opinion was that Christ was an extraordinarily good man.

"So and so was indeed a stupendous character, but what would you gentlemen say is the weakness, defect in his nature?" There were instant replies. "Caesar was too ambitious," said one. "So and so must have been an epileptic" (this from the physician).

Amiable and Reverent. His hair flows in those beautiful shades which no united colors can match, falling in graceful curls around his ears and parting on the crown of his head; his dress, that of the sect of Nazarenes; his forehead is smooth and large, his cheeks without blemish and of rosyate hue; his nose and mouth are formed with exquisite symmetry; his beard is thick and suitable to the hair of his head, reaching a little below his chin and parting in the middle below; his eyes are clear, bright and serene.

There was still silence. One said that he had not looked into the Bible in so long a time that he hesitated to speak; but he also admitted that he had not read any of Shakespeare in an equally long period. An American might fail to create a character that would satisfy an Englishman and vice versa.

"I believe our climate is changing," "Think so," "Our winters seem to be getting warmer," "Well, the women wouldn't wear enough clothes. The climate had to change. The women wouldn't."

WHITE STAR

Act Is Looked

A despatch from Liverpool, was a Queenstown by a German torpedo-boat.

Two hundred souls were on board, and 243 crew. After floating for some hours they were taken to Queenstown.

Passengers arriving were in practically no condition, due to frost. None were able to stand, being ordered to lie on their backs.

The Arabic was stern, one torpedo boat.

Markets Of T

Toronto, Aug. 24. Wheat—No. 2 Northern, \$1.37; No. 3 Northern, \$1.35; No. 4 Northern, \$1.33.

Manitoba flour—No. 1, \$3.00; No. 2, \$2.90; No. 3, \$2.80; No. 4, \$2.70.

Ontario flour—No. 1, \$2.90; No. 2, \$2.80; No. 3, \$2.70; No. 4, \$2.60.

Butter—Fresh dairy, 20 to 22; foreign, 20 to 22; condensed, 20 to 22.

Eggs—No. 1, 22 to 24; No. 2, 20 to 22; No. 3, 18 to 20.

Poultry—Chickens, 15 to 18; turkeys, 20 to 25; geese, 15 to 18.

Beacon—Long clear, 18 to 19; medium, 16 to 17; short, 14 to 15.

Lard—The market is quiet, but the price is firm at 25 to 26.

Flour—Man. Spring, \$3.00; Man. Winter, \$2.90; Ont. Spring, \$2.80; Ont. Winter, \$2.70.

A despatch from London knew about Zepplin raid, which was a success, thousands of tons of explosives were sent to the coast and rammed to the vaults.