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FOE'S FOOD PROBLEM BIG, SAYS NEUTRAL DIPLOMATIST

The German People Are Showing Unmistakable Evidence of Underfeeding.

A despatch from London says: A neutral diplomatist stationed in Germany, who recently visited London, informed his colleagues here that it was impossible to give an exaggerated description of the depth and breadth of the German public's desire for peace.

The food scarcity was becoming serious, he said, and the population generally was unmistakably showing evidence of underfeeding. In one of the greatest German cities—not Berlin—at a hotel whose name is familiar to thousands of Americans, a neutral was unable to arrange for a dinner which he wished to give for a few friends, though his requirements were most modest.

A Copenhagen despatch says: The newspaper Helndal of Schleswig states German bread is not edible, as it contains purified potatoes. Offal in the soap being used is causing many diseases, particularly among children.

Canada's Great Buffalo Herd Now Numbers Two Thousand and Seventy-Seven. From a Nucleus of Four Calves in 1873 It Has Steadily Grown.

The Canadian Government is meeting with signal success in its efforts to preserve the buffalo from the swift extinction which threatened it a few years ago. This is shown in the report on the growth of the herd at Wainwright, Buffalo Park, Alberta, just issued by J. B. Harkin, Dominion Parks Commissioner.

The report shows that in April, 1909, the herd numbered 402. Since then it has gradually increased at the rate of about 200 a year, until to-day it numbers 2,077.

History of the Herd. The history of the herd, now the largest in the world, dates back to 1873, when a Pend d'Oreille Indian captured four little bison calves—two bulls and two heifers—by cutting them out of a stampeded herd on the Flathead Reservation in Montana.

British Money Used in Holland and Sweden to Buy Foodstuffs. A despatch from London says: Neutral diplomats express the belief that the existing orders-in-council will be superseded by the declaration of Great Britain's avowed intention of strengthening her legal position.

Stromboli in Eruption. People Are Fleeing to Relief Ships for Refuge. A despatch from Rome says: The eruption of Stromboli has become serious. The flow of lava is spreading to the sparse coast settlement, burning and destroying houses, and the population is fleeing to the sea and taking refuge on relief ships sent from Messina.

Munition Workers Postpone Holiday. A despatch from New York says: According to a news agency despatch from London on Thursday the Scottish miners have agreed to postpone all their July holidays at the request of Minister of Munitions Lloyd George.

Lloyd George, Earl of Derby, New British War Secretaries. Directors of Munitions and Recruiting Respectively to Conduct the Campaign.



President of France Reviews the Russians. One of the outstanding figures in the present great war, is President Poincaré of France. Calm, dignified—the elected head of a great republic, the Russian Ambassador to France, and a French general are with Poincaré in the picture.—(London Daily Mirror photo.)

Markets of the World. BREADSTUFFS. Toronto, July 11.—Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$1.18; No. 2 do., \$1.14; No. 3 do., \$1.10; No. 4 do., \$1.06; No. 5 do., \$1.02; No. 6 do., \$0.98; No. 7 do., \$0.94; No. 8 do., \$0.90; No. 9 do., \$0.86; No. 10 do., \$0.82; No. 11 do., \$0.78; No. 12 do., \$0.74; No. 13 do., \$0.70; No. 14 do., \$0.66; No. 15 do., \$0.62; No. 16 do., \$0.58; No. 17 do., \$0.54; No. 18 do., \$0.50; No. 19 do., \$0.46; No. 20 do., \$0.42; No. 21 do., \$0.38; No. 22 do., \$0.34; No. 23 do., \$0.30; No. 24 do., \$0.26; No. 25 do., \$0.22; No. 26 do., \$0.18; No. 27 do., \$0.14; No. 28 do., \$0.10; No. 29 do., \$0.06; No. 30 do., \$0.02.

NEWS FROM ENGLAND. NEWS BY MAIL ABOUT JOHN BULL AND HIS PEOPLE. Occurrences in the Land That Reigns Supreme in the Commercial World. The L.C.C. purposes to keep the parks open an hour later because of the Summer Time Act.

Some Germans Revolt. In face of their testimony it is useless for Germany to deny the barbarism and cruelty of her invasion. Her own soldiers betray her. Often the soldiers narrate deeds of cruelty in the most commonplace language; occasionally one will express his horror and abhorrence at the sights he has witnessed, at the death of a German officer, for instance, mentions that a certain village was given to the flames because a German cyclist in falling from his machine accidentally discharged his rifle.

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THE PRUSSIAN INFLECTION. But these men who displayed real humanity were the exception. The average diary, the diary of an average man, probably spoke of deeds of cruelty with the greatest philosophy. It was war. If women and children were murdered, this, too, was war. If on one occasion a captain summoned his men, told them that a fortress to be attacked was held by British soldiers, and said that no prisoners were to be taken, this, too, was war; the British were their worst enemies. In some of the diaries, Mr. Gleason says in his article in the New York Tribune, was to be detected the common Prussian delusion that the Germans are supermen, that they have been sent on earth for a Divine purpose, namely, to exterminate less worthy people and establish themselves in their stead.

THE NEIGHBOR'S BOY. Willie to Mrs. Bayberry, who lives next door?—Where did you get your tongue?—Mrs. Bayberry—What do you want to know for?—Willie—It was mother who wanted to know.

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A witty girl may be a drug on the matrimonial market.

INTERESTING WAR RELICS

DIARIES OF SOLDIERS BETRAY GERMANY

All Charges Made Against the Huns Established By These Books. Arthur Gleason, a well-known American newspaperman, has been permitted to inspect the most interesting collection of relics gathered since the war began—the notebooks and diaries of German soldiers, found on their dead bodies or taken from prisoners by the French. These books have been preserved by the French Government, and later on will form a foundation for charges of cruelty and bestiality made against the German army in France and Flanders. The evidence contained in these books will establish all charges made against the Germans; it will make ridiculous the excuses and denials of Germans when the time comes for them to disavow the acts that marked their invasion of Belgium and their occupation of a part of France. No official statements by German historians in the future will be able to refute the damning evidence supplied by these little books in which German soldiers and officers describe what they saw and what they did.

Germany Condemns Herself. A part of the outfit of every German soldier is a notebook of the sort that women frequently use for household accounts. A rule of the German army insists that soldiers record—in little books their own experiences, for as the regulation says, "by bringing together the various reports of active fighting, they are the basis for the later definite histories of the campaign. They should be kept daily." It appears that among the soldiers the keeping of the books is merely encouraged; among the officers it is a law which may not be disregarded. The French are in possession of tens of thousands of these books, the entries of the officers being made in ink, those of the private soldier in pencil. Each book contains the name and regiment of the author. Many of them are splashed in blood, and stained by mud and water. Some show that one of the last acts of an officer was to make an entry. Together they form a real record of the war, so far as the acts of officers and men are concerned.

Inflaming the Soldiers. Another writer whose name is suppressed for fear that his people in Germany might be punished for his humanity, expresses his profound disgust at the practices of the army in France. He speaks of the wholesale pillage of a town, and asks himself how a complaint can be made of the Russians when the German soldiers have so much worse. He feels that the end of this system of making war will not succeed, and quotes the old saying to the effect that "the mills of the gods grind slowly, but they grind exceeding small." He speaks of the efforts of the officers to rouse the fury of the men in their power to inflame the passions of the soldiers so that they would obey without question the most atrocious orders that might be issued. They were told about the Russians ravaging Prussia, and were taught that after all it was the greatest kindness they could do to the Belgian and French prisoners to kill them off.

As in a Dream. Dream and lucidness here are the two words which seem to me to express best the soul of the combatant. "Dream, this small wood, chopped by the fire, and through which, in a hellish noise, pale men glide, creeping on their knees and elbows. "Dream, this continual bombardment, which shakes the ground, crushes men, and throws others on the earth, their faces down. "And in that dream what clearness of thought! This you must do, just this and nothing else. No hesitation. Responsibility, far from hindering the officer, sustains him, raises him up. "One idea alone haunts the brain, where it tinkles like a bell. You must advance! You must advance! It imposes itself not as a duty, but as an evidence. And we advance, and we fall. The goal is that tree over there, or that lump of earth. I do not see anything beyond; I must reach it, and nothing, nothing, nothing shall keep me away from that tree or that lump. "All fighting has an end; it calms down; it ceases; it shadows wounded, the dead are taken up; on the conquered ground, guarded by a few sentinels, every one sleeps—a sleep without dream; the soldiers have the immobility of corpses. Sleep

Long Way Down to Z. Mr. Capron and his wife struggled valiantly to teach their little daughter Edith to repeat the letter "z." Try as they might, the little girl refused to pronounce the first letter of the alphabet, and after several vain efforts Mr. Capron retired from the struggle discouraged.

Edith dear, tell mother why you won't learn to say 'z'. "Well, mother, explained Edith, 'it's because just as soon as I say 'z' you and father will want me to say 'y'."

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SOLDIERS FIGHT AS IN A DREAM. TAKE A NEW SOUL FOR THE TIME BEING. Officers Psychological Analysis of Combatants' Feelings When Arms Clash.

The regiments of the French army have their newspapers, edited by one of the officers. One of these, "La Revue Franco-Macédonienne," of the Oriental army, contains an unusual article, called "The Soul of the Combatant," signed by an officer. It reads in part: "How are we to describe the soul of the combatant during the attack. In the battle? The minutes are so intense, the preoccupation of the aim to attain so absorbing, that even the man most inclined to self-analysis abandons all thought for action. The atmosphere is so exceptional that even immediately after some difficult phases one does not recover his soul. "This is why there are so few books of war giving a faithful impression of this transient psychology. Yet I shall try it and take my examples from the participation of my regiment in the last Champagne offensive.

Sleep the Comforter. When, at 10 o'clock in the evening of the 24th, we started forward toward the bivouacs, the noise of the letters burned before our departure, our old soul, made of troubles, hope, fear, and love, and we put on at the same time as our equipment our soul of combat. "From that moment on we do not live in the present. The probability of death eclipses the past and forbids the future. Such a state, lasting days and days, would be inconceivable and also unbearable if the circumstances did not make it easier by lessening greatly the sensibility. "First, there is the noise. Then after the noise the fatigue which breaks our limbs, the hunger, the thirst, the want of warm food which provokes a contraction of the stomach, which enables a man to remain in the fight without being demoralized by the losses, by certain sights, it is sleep; in the first hours there is no rest, and an immense expense of physical and especially moral strength; then, after a certain time, all disappears before an irresistible force, the man, in an open field, under a violent bombardment, is felled and sleep. "We tried to wake up, you continue your dream, and from now on the reality appears only through your dream and you see yourself act. There is a kind of duality in you—the physical person who creeps, falls in the mud, lies down under the fire of the mitrailleuses, sneaks from one tree to another, and the moral person who observes these strange proceedings, orders them and enjoys an astonishing lucidness.

FISH REALLY CLIMBS TREES. Has An Extra Breathing Organ for Using Dry Air. A fish out of water usually is regarded as the most helpless thing in the world. And it is not generally known that there are fishes that liberally make excursions on shore. One of the most famous cases of a fish out of water is the climbing perch, found in estuaries and fresh waters of India, Ceylon, Burma and the Malayan region, which can spend many hours on land, sometimes among thick vegetation, and has, like some other fishes of similar habit, an extra breathing organ suited for using dry air. It seems to push itself along in a wriggling fashion with the help of strong spines on its gill cover and its central fin. One of the early observers of the climbing perch said that he saw it five feet up a palm tree, and a good deal of discredit has been thrown on the story. But it seems to be possible that the early observer was quite accurate. In recent years it has been recorded in heavy downpours of rain the climbing perch sometimes ascends the dripping stems of palm trees growing beside the pools. In all likelihood the climbing of trees by the fish is very rare and half accidental, the instinct of the perch being to go against currents. This tendency to go against the stream is very strongly marked in a small catfish, called argen, which forces its way up the torrential streams of the Andes, gripping with its mouth and using a toothed ventral plate as a lever. It can climb up many feet of smooth, water-worn rock.

ONE PLATOON LOST 117 MEN IN ATTACK. A despatch from London says: A Canadian officer in a London hospital states that when he started in the recent attack he had one lieutenant and 144 men. When he finished, the lieutenant was dead, he himself was badly wounded and he had only 27 men left. He said that he was glad to be wounded in the big fight rather than to be sniped.

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