THE MOTORS OF VERDUN.

Ammunition and Food.

driver in the Cornhill Magazine, "have saved Verdun," the French officers and soldiers were continually telling me. And as I look back on two months of ambulance driving, it seems to me that automobiles played a larger part than even the famous "seventy-fives," for without motor transport, there would have been no ammunition and no food. One shell, accurately placed, will put a railway the trucks, winding away north and communication out of business for a long time, but automobiles must be picked off one by one as they come

coming south. The trucks, loaded with

All night and all day it continued. Soon the roads began to wear out. Frucks brought stones from the ruins liers, dodging in and out among the sion of the Metal Bridge.

moving cars, broke and packed the stones or sprinkled sand on the ice-Supplied the French Soldiers With covered hillsides. But the traffic was never stopped for any of those things. "Our artillery and our automobiles," The continuous supply had its effect on the demand. There were more trenches, and so they camped along the road or in the fields. Lines of trucks ran off the road and unloaded the reserve of bread; the same thing risk our lives for bread. was done with the meat, which kept ually hid from the enemy airmen.

The picture of the attack that will hind each light was a unit, the driver, piece of bread. stay with me always is that of the whose momentary negligence might Grande Route north from Bar-le-Duc, throw the whole line into confusion. covered with the snow and ice of the Yet there were no fixed rules to save "It was in this same camp that last days of February. The road was him from using his brain quickly and moved with pity for the Russian prisalways filled with two columns of surely as each crisis presented itself. oners who were suffering terribly, trucks, one going north and the other He must be continually awake to each British prisoner, as soon as his avoid any one of a thousand possible parcels from home began to arrive, troops, shells and bread, rolled and mischances. The holes and ice on the took one Russian under his protecbobbed back and forth with the un- road, his skidding car, the cars pass- tion. graceful, uncertain strength of baby ing in the same and opposite direc- "Their sleeping accommodation, elephants. It was almost impossible tions, the cars in front and behind, like that of the British and other to steer them on the icy roads. Many the cars broken down on the side of prisoners, was 'simply a heap of rotof them fell by the wayside, over- the road-all these and many other ten straw on the floor, a blanket, turned, burned, and were left appar- things he had to consider before us- and any amount of lice." ently unnoticed in the ceaseless tide of ing brake or throttle in making his "When," said another informant, traffic that never seemed to hurry or way along. Often snow and sleet "the Russians who had been driven

of the Battle of the Marne and sprink- Steps are to be taken by the Dubed them in the ruts and holes; sol- lin Corporation to recover posses-

British Plantation Rubber Is Saving Canada Millions

Low Prices of Rubbers and Overshoes Due to Britain's Control of Situation

Here in Canada many of us have fallen into the truly Anglo-Saxon habit of considering the "Mother of Parliaments" slow and a bit behind the times. The present price of rubber, when its cause is revealed, affords one of the many proofs that such an opinion is away off the mark.

Thanks to great rubber plantations established, in the face of criticism and ridicule, many years before in her tropical Dominions, Great Britain at the outbreak of war held a firm and tightening grip on the world's supply of raw rubber-a grip reinforced by her dominating navy. From 60% in 1914, the production of these plantations has grown this year to 75% of the whole world's output, leaving only about half the requirements of the United States alone to come from all other sources.

The result has been that the needs of the Allies, enormous though they are, have been plentifully supplied, while Germany has been reduced to registered mails and the "Deutschland" in desperate attempts to mitigate her rubber famine. Neutrals have been allowed all the rubber they want, at prices actually lower than before the war, so long as they prevent any of it from reaching the enemy, while Canada and other parts of the Empire have an abundant supply at equally favorable Government regulated prices,

In this foresight and generosity of the British Government lies the reason why rubber alone, of all the great staples has not gone up in price-why rubber boots, rubbers and overshoes are as inexpensive as ever, while leather shoes are costing several dollars a pair more. Wearing rubbers or overshoes through this winter to protect these expensive shoes, or rubber farm skees to replace them, is more than practical thrift—it is grateful patriotism, for in thus saving leather we make it easier for the Government to secure the absolutely necessary supplies of this alarmingly scarce material for

Both Thrift and Patriotism Point to Rubbers!

HORRIBLE CRUELTIES INFLICT-ED ON PRISONERS.

Ready to Risk Lives for Loaf of

Bread-Forced to Live

in Filth. German prison camps occasionally workmen by 25 per cent.

prison camps of X- and Z- Cemetery Board for an increase in There are prophets who predict reached me, writes a correspondent their wages. to the London Daily Sketch, from At the Londonderry Corporation rank of nations, and that some other

"We got up at 6 a.m.," said the ing of Londonderry prison. and just a slice of black bread. We and considerable land is flooded.

we were captured. "One man had no shirt for months | the normal. to procure.

Hunting for Potatoes.

"Outside in the prison yard we by his widow. been a potato field.

We used to hunt round for scraps of use as an auxiliary hospital.

rots or turnips and water, a very food supply of the city. no meat, of course.

was no more to be had.

Bayoneted For No Reason,

troops than were needed for the the morning had been, and in watch- stone slabs. ing for the bread cart, in the hope For the purpose of deciding the best to fight,

well enough in the snow, and the bayonet wounds inflicted in the prison summoned. shells, which white tarpaulins effect- camps, sometimes for stealing a piece | The Executive of the Association | red cross, to see them going home. of bread, but as often for no reason of Irish Post-office Clerks passed a At night, on the main road, I have at all. watched for hours the dim lights of

conditions were pretty similar that in their action regarding the demand south like the coils of some gigantic, I heard of a starving Russian sol- for increased wages. luminous snake that never stopped dier who parted with his military The King William statue in Boyle, and never ended. It was impressive medal, his one treasure, the compen- the head of which was stolen some evidence of a great organization. Be- sation for all he had endured, for a time ago, has again been attacked.

Pity for Russians.

storms were added to make driving out of the camp some time before and forced to work in the German firing the danger, and it is certain that neither the danger, and it is certain that neither and live well on it." death, occasionally some were sent to destroy the harmful excessive acid in the stomach, which is the underlying the stomach, which is the underlying and a year ago, close to forced to work in the German firing back, but only when the Germans cause of most forms of indigestion and found there was nothing more to be dyspepsia. They may give temporary relief, but ever increasing quantities got out of them.

Too Weak to Eat.

"A party who came back in 1916 were in a lamentable state, dragging themselves wearily along. Some could just crawl; others were being helped by comrades scarcely more able to ately after every meal. This will inwalk than they were. Everyone had to go straight to the hospital.

"We collected all the soup powders, condensed milk, tea-everything we could possibly spare out of our home parcels-for them. They were glad to get it, poor fellows, though many of them died before they could

eat a mouthful. "A favorite punishment was to make a man lie down flat in the dirtiest part of the courtyard on his face for hours at a time; and, of course, there was also the betterknown one of tying a man up by his hands to a post, and then kicking away the block of wood beneath his feet on which he had been made to stand."

Farm Notes,

It does not pay to carry unprofitable stock through a long winter. Get rid

The farmer who depends upon the dealer for the replenishment of his dairy goes to a dear market.

Buckwheat cakes and sausage gravy are among the things that make the nog so very popular.

Pedigree counts in the selection of live stock, but to pedigree must be added performance. A cow of illustrious lineage which does not make good at the milk-pail might as well be a

We observe that a great many peoole who own automobiles still keep their driving horses. One man explained the situation by saying that he likes to drive something that has in

telligence. Profitable hog raising is best attained by providing for two litters a year, something that seldom happened in former times. The new efficiency demands that everything be kept constantly moving.

From Erin's Green Isle SOLDIERS WILL

GERMAN CAMPS NEWS BY MAIL FROM IRE LAND'S SHORES.

> Happenings in the Emerald Isle of Interest to Irlah-

> An outbreak of infantile paralysis has been reported at Baillieborough, County Cavan.

In spite of all the efforts of the The Carlow Urban Council have Germans, revelations of the life in increased the pay of their permanent of the British Empire there is a The following details of life in the Cemetery have asked the Catholic ent-tha a new order will arise.

"It was very cold in winter. We has been appointed a deputy lieuten- ing to his newspaper, the London Great Northern trains, fell under the France to-day than there were at the used to be soaked through often with ant of the county of Londonderry. Times, from France, he says: had stolen all our coats, water- Ulster Flax Spinners' Association carrying wounded soldiers at one of ern interviewed the boy. He asked supply, Dr. Addison said:

potatoes, for the yard had formerly decided to hand over its club pre- in France are a world of their own. I

of being able to steal a loaf, for we methods to obtain reserves for the were simply starving men, ready to Irish regiments at the front, a conference of representatives of all Irish po-"Many of us still bear the scars of litical and religious opinions is to be hospital ships marked against sub-

resolution expression dissatisfaction "It was in another camp where with the action of the Government

Someone chalked across it, "Up with the Sinn Fein. Down with England. Remember '98."

Dyspeptics Should **Avoid Drugs And** Medicines

Try a Little Magnesia Instead. But closing the eyes does not banish must be taken, and all the time the acid remains in the stomach as dangerous

Physicians know this and that is why their advice so often to sufferers from get about an ounce of pure bisurated in the stomach and stop all food fermentation, thus enabling you to enjoy hearty meals without experiencing the least pain or unpleasantness afterward.

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GREAT CHANGES ARE COMING AFTER THE WAR.

Class Feeling Has Been Broken Down on the Field of

Throughout the length and breadth vague and uneasy feeling that after The grave diggers at Glasnevin the great war things will be differ-

that England will fall back in the very sure sources. This was the daily meeting a resolution was passed pro- European power will take precedence York Sun, the late James J. Hill, told a party of journalists visiting testing against the threatened clos- over it; perhaps France, perhaps Rus- presidnet of the Great Northern Rail- Woolwich Arsenal that he calculated sia, which is the land of possibilities. way, had a generous heart. He never Great Britain would be entirely indeinformant, "and were given our cup At Athlone, owing to recent rains, Lord Northcliffe, the outstanding megaphoned his good deeds, however. pendent of foreign steel supplies by of 'war' coffee-mostly breadcrumbs the Shannon in its upper reaches is figure in British journalism, is a Here is a story that came under my next March. During the Somme of and bad chickory-no milk, of course, now several feet above normal level prophet himself. Of broad vision, he notice. It shows the soft side of Jim fensive the expenditure on armamenta

sees what a majority of his fellow Hill. were forced then to stay outside Mr. Denis Stanislaus Henry, K.C., Englishmen only feel, and his fore- Some years ago a twelve-year-old on what it was in the month of Januof Draperstown, Co. Londonderry, cast is of a new social order. Writ- boy, stealing a ride on one of the ary, but there are more filled shells in

put will be reduced to two-thirds of sea and are situated on the northern Great Northern owed him. French coast, which long before the "Oh, that's all right," replied the more was she waging war at a disexcept a potato sack he had managed At the annual meeting of the Con- war was recognized as a great heal- boy. "You see, I hadn't any business advantage. One of the advantages vocation of Queen's University in ing place. The medical journals tell to be on the car. I'd run away from of making things at home was to save Belfast, a portrait of the late Right their readers in their own language of home, and I stole the ride on the rail- vast sums of money apart altogether Hon. Thomas Sinclair was unveiled these wonderful hospitals-converted road, and I just got what was comin' from what was lost on exchange." casinos and hotels and miles of per- to me-that's all." wood, too, in case we got a chance to By cultivating garden plots in the Etaples district alone there are Hill asked. "Is he human?" their spare time, Belfast workmen thirty-five thousand beds. Canada, "At 11.30 came the next meal, con- have during the past year added over Australia, New Zealand, Newfoundsisting of potatoes and water or car- \$60,000 worth of vegetables to the land, India and the whole of the em- account for it."

pire have given with both hands. small quantity for each man, and At a meeting of the Privy Council Those of the wounded who can be the Right Hon. Mr. Justice Wylie was made well quickly enough-and they er." "When we had emptied our half- sworn in Lord Justice for the Govern- are, of course, the immense majority "Blighty" before going back again now he is prospering.

All Look to the Land.

I went on board one of the white marines on each side with a huge "Covered Ways" in England Olde Arriving on the quay in the British ated vessels.

stage nearer "Blighty" and the be- were used in ancient times to enable loved ones, all are contentment it- persons to cross over the downland Do! don't say it can't be done. self. Some of the lesser injured men ridges without being seen. They were Be doing while there shines a sun. were on deck singing merrily. Others formerly taken to be defensive lines, While stars shall gleam and in a nall of the wounded on deck were discus- but against this theory is the fact that The world is wrap't, or lost seems all. sing a newspaper article outlining a the ditch is banked on both sides. It Do! and having done, go on, project for the settling of soldiers on has been proved that the "covered The next job is half begun land in the dominions after the war. | ways" of the South Downs are decid- If you but say you've done the last

"Many will go to Canada; some to edly older than the Roman occupation. And seek another, harder task, Australia, I dare say," said one man: "but I am one of those who mean to have a little bit of 'Blighty' for myself. We see enough in France to know that a man and his family can Uses It For the Purpose of Catching

I remember a similar conversation in the upper jaw of the whale, and a year ago close to Ypres, when a keeper at home and a workingman Conservative, observed:

Owners, Not Tenants.

"The men in the dugouts talk of good many subjects, but there is one on which they are all agreed. That is the land question. They are not going back as laborers or as tenants. but as owners. Lots of them have used their eyes and learned much about small farming here."

As I watched the swift ship an saw her speeding away to England at well over twenty knots, I wondered if people and politicians at home are beginning to understand that the bravery and camaraderie of the officers and men in the field have broken down all class feeling; that our millions of men abroad are changed communities of whose thoughts and aims we know but little.

Just as Grant's soldiers, the Grand Army of the Republic, dominated the elections in the United States for a quarter of a century, so will the men I have seen in the trenches and the ambulances come home and demand by their votes the reward of a very changed England-an England they will fashion and share; an England that is likely to be as much a surprise to the present owners of capital and leaders of labor as it may be to the owners of the land.

An Ancient Roman Barge. In 1910, when digging the foundation of a new building, some workmen found the remains of an ancient Roman boat which is believed to have lain for 1,600 years at the bottom of the Thames, London. It is thought to have been one ship from the fleet of Carausius, who was the first British sea captain whose name has come down to us. This man commanded a fleet which went out to conquer some Saxon pirates who were ravaging the English coast, and he was successful. Such was his power that he later rebelled against the rule of the Romans in Britain and proclaimed himself emperor. Thus the few remaining timbers of the Roman barge, which may be seen at the London museum, are relics of a great man, who has some-times been called England's first ad-



A "JIM" HILL STORY.

An Incident in the Life of the Great Independent of Foreign Supplies

wheels and had a leg cut off. Soon beginning of the war.

"I think this youngster is worth in-

filled dish of this stuff, we used to ment of Ireland during the absence of -go back to their war duties at the with, he bought him the best artificial line up at the cook-house door to see his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant. front, some eagerly, all without murif there was some left over, each Dublin gas workers recently noti- muring. As they lie there in these chased bigger legs as the boy grew. practically dark at night. The only man in turn holding up his little dish. fied the company that if their wages wonderful huts, in which every pro-"But we never knew when the cook, are not increased they will cease vision for speedy convalescence, for school and college. He figured that street lamp, which wears what they instead of pouring a little in, would work, in which case the city will be happiness and reasonable amusement the boy was worth a substantial start call a "war bonnet." This is a tin turn the hose-pipe on the next man without gas in a week's time. is afforded, tended as they are by in life, and reports are that the young hood covering the top and extending -his German way of showing there While some workmen were digging the best surgeons and physicians of man is turning out as the veteran exon the lands of C. H. Moore, Moore- the English-speaking world and by pected. Moreover, Mr. Hill hunted and below this the lamp itself is town, Ardee, they discovered an old ladies simply and gently born, they up the boy's father. He was a dis- painted black and casts only a faint cemetery which contained a large all tell you the same story—they couraged struggler. Mr. Hill started glow on the sidewalk directly be-"The afternoon was spent much as collection of human bones encased in would like to get a glimpse of him in business, encouraged him, and neath it.

Than Roman Occupation.

Red Cross and St. John ambulances. The discovery of a "covered way" In the hotel bedrooms signs are and gently carried, with the peculiar across Willington Hill, near East- posted in red, "All blinds must be slightly swaying walk of the trained bourne, has recently been made by securely drawn before the lights are stretcher bearer, they pass on to the H. S. Toms, of Brighton, announces turned on. If a window is desired ship and descend in lifts to the par- The London Times. A "covered way" open at night, it must be opened ticular deck on which is their cot or consists of a ditch with a bank on after the light is turned down. bed. There can be nothing of the either side which runs across expos- Neglect to carry out these precaukind in the world better than these ed brows of the downs, generally con- tions will bring guests within scope speedy, perfectly lighted and ventil- necting the head of one valley with of the 'Defence of the Realm Reguthat on the other side of the hill. | lations." Once on board, and yet another It is thought that these "ways"

WHALE CARRIES A SIEVE.

is set close like the teeth of a comb. young sergeant, who had been game- The whale cannot always get the larger fish of the ocean, and has to be content with smaller tit-bits. When he is feeling hungry he swims with his mouth wide open, and now and again he closes his jaws and expels the water. The whalebone is really a huge sieve, and when the water is ejected through it the tiny fish which abound on the surface of the sea are left behind and cannot escape.

The sperm whale has no whalebone, but is armed with a set sharp-pointed teeth with which it at tacks the other ocean monsters, such as giant squids or devil-fish.



Railroad Man.

exterior, says a writer in the New cials of the Ministry of Munitions,

passed our time trying to dig up stray The Royal Ulster Yacht Club has fectly equipped huts. Our hospitals The adjuster, marvelling, went which was that as Great Britain was mises at Bangor to the Ulster Volundo not know how many women and fice, and in time it reached Jim Hill. at a probable saving of something "An odd potato was a great find. teer Force Hospital Committee for men they employ, but I should say "Someone who admits that a rail- like \$30,000,000 a year, Great Britain more than one hundred thousand. In road doesn't owe him anything?" Mr. would, providing the programme was

vestigating," replied the "trail blaz-

MYSTERIOUS DITCHES.

His Dinner. The whalebone is a horny growth

ENOUGH STEEL IN BRITAIN.

Next March. Under his gruff and domineering Dr. Addison, one of the chief offi-

the sleet and rain, for the Germans Owing to a shortage of flax, the One day I saw the arrival of a train after, an adjuster of the Great North- With special reference to the steel proofs, woollen jerseys, etc., when have received a notice that the out- those hospitals which look out on the little fellow what he thought the "The more Great Britain was de-

> away. He told the story at the of- providing extensions of steel works satisfactorily developed, be entirely "Less one leg," he was told. "Of independent of foreign steel supplies course, he's only a boy. That may by next March,

> > GREAT BRITAIN IS DARK.

Very Few Lights Allowed on Streets at Night.

In Great Britain the streets are

Street cars and buses glide through the prevailing gloom with small bulls-eyes of orange, blue or green to indicate their route; taxis have no headlights, and a small oil lamp serves to show their tariff meter.

Even the houses are black, not a line of light frames the windows.

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Journal says, "seem mos to the future of that co the old call of the Wes to-day and is far-sighted see the prosperity that is

tories, especially between and Moscow. Other fact ing up with feverish hast where, it seems to the ti roads are under constru being double-tracked. 3 men are working side by railroads, the women has and shovels with ev

strength and effect than "The returning Russia bring many and varied s military resources of the of these is to the effect than 8,000,000 men have sent to the front and the 000,000 are in training. bued with the absolute a the weight of Russian n terial must be the decid the war. There has bethe story of a new explo ing manufactured in Ru French formula, but not the western front-a sh exploding spreads over 300 yards a heat of 3,00 withering blast calculate

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