

GERMANS NOW ADMIT

THAT THEY CANNOT WIN OUT IN THIS WAR.

They Realize That Their Offensive Campaign Is a Failure, London Hears, But Are Strong on Defence.

London, Jan. 4.—According to information received from two distinct neutral sources, Germany has already come to the realization that she cannot conquer in this war. The correspondent has seen a letter from a Danish banker, written to the head of one of the world's greatest financial houses, in which it was stated that a Berlin magnate of finance had admitted to the writer that the ruling powers of Germany had acknowledged that it was impossible to win. The text of this part of the letter was:

"Un des magnats Berlinois de la finance m'a avoué que les dirigeants allemands se rendraient compte de l'impossibilité de vaincre."

German heads of state were recognized as the Berlin captains of finance has confessed to me that he cited to the idea of the impossibility of winning."

Information from another source strikingly confirms the statement made in this letter. It comes from an official of a neutral country who has just arrived in London after a long visit to Germany and France.

Throughout Germany, he says, popular confidence in the military organization and the eventual triumph of the German arms remains unimpaired, but the military authorities themselves have been obliged to recognize that their chances of an smashing victory are gone.

Their view now is that the war must result in a sort of military stalemate. All hope of reaching Warsaw is abandoned, and even the capture of Warsaw would not affect the issue.

The allies, according to this view, will be equally impotent to inflict a fatal blow upon Germany. The allied offensive, according to the German calculations, will end in a stalemate, and the talk of an allied march upon Berlin from either east or west is regarded as mere foolishness.

The present situation, according to the German military point of view, is entirely in favor of Germany. Her armies hold hostile countries and her own borders, except in one unimportant instance, are inviolate.

While, however, the Germans, according to this informant, claim the honors of war, their military leaders have reluctantly reached the conclusion that a decisive triumph cannot be won by force of arms.

After Church Visit Casey's. The women of a church in a suburb were soliciting money to pay for decorating their house of worship. They were told diplomatically that if they would call on Casey, who kept the leading hotel, they might get a good donation.

"They called," Casey met them generally, listened to what they had to say, and promptly subscribed \$50.

"This was so much more than the collectors had hoped for that they were much flustered, and could do nothing but stammer their thanks. Finally one of them managed to say: 'Why, Mr. Casey, this is most generous of you. It will allow us to get what we want very much—a fine stained glass window.'"

Casey thought that would be the right thing to do.

"And, Mr. Casey," said the spokeswoman, "in view of this magnificent donation, isn't there something you would like to put on the window, some sentiment or some remembrance, or something of the kind?"

"Well," said Casey, "I think it would look fine to have on the glass, in neat letters, something like this: 'After Church Visit Casey's.'"

Request Problematical. Mrs. Lucinda C. Tucker, of Winona, Minn., who died recently, left an estate valued at \$113,000. Her will has just been filed.

Forty-two relatives share in the distribution, and in addition she remembered Miss Veronica Baumgartner, her maid for many years, who given a special bequest of \$50.

In addition, says a dispatch to the New York World, it was directed that all of Mrs. Tucker's money in the savings department of a local bank be turned over to the maid. There is no record in probate court of the amount of this sum.

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BATTENED DOWN DIRTY WEATHER

On a Warship When the Seas Are Rolling High Is Not En Joyable.

While the above words may not convey much to a landsman they are full of meaning to a sailor. The difference between comfort and misery to the sailor, is the risk of illness in the barracks. "Battened Down" means more to the modern sailor than the old sailor's time. In weather of which the old ships, with their freeboards and protecting bulwarks, took little notice, the modern ship is batted down. The open, unprotected upper deck is swept free of high seas, and the small class of ship the more is she batted.

Everything that science can conceive has been done to alleviate the discomforts of "battened down," which is closing all upper deck hatches to keep the seas which sweep the deck from penetrating to the interior of the ship, but even so the decks are often awash. However, it is the lack of exercise and fresh air that tell most heavily on the health of the crew.

The difficulties with which old-time Admirals had to contend, as to the health of their men was aggravated, were not bad weather but lack of fresh provisions and fresh air. These do not affect the modern sailor at all, as a plentiful supply of fresh water can always be distilled and fresh provisions can always be replenished at the same time as the coal bunkers are refilled. An old-time sailing ship would ride out the heaviest of gales without taking on a drop of water on board, and even when batted down the decks were discomfited by between decks were not so intimately compared with those of today.

It may not be generally known that nearly every new type of ship now being built is fitted with a multitude of causes—increased size, increase in the size of guns, and the multitude of auxiliary engines with which a warship is fitted.

As we no longer find the great sailing ships of old, even thirty years ago but a multitude of iron boxes with at the best of times, have to be constantly ventilated. When all main ventilation is stopped the atmosphere and sides begin to sweat and the atmosphere becomes foul and dank. Yet it is doubtful if in a general way the men trouble much about these conditions; cards and other games are played or sleep is sought, the sailor now has a little more of his own. "More wind less work" and it really works out like that when the upper deck is merely a sea of tumbling waters.

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WOMAN RULERS KEEP OUT OF WAR.

Queen Wilhelmina of Holland Is Unswerving in Neutrality—No Army in Luxembourg.

Queen Wilhelmina of Holland believes "discretion is the better part of valor." "Self-preservation is the first law of nature," she counseled her little cousin, the Grand Duchess Adelaide of Luxembourg, when the Germans came to her borders, after a formal protest. The Grand Duchess allowed them to go unopposed through—knowing that a thrust of the German arm if she resisted would push her toy kingdom aside.

Her people are prosperous and happy, knowing nothing of the terrors and horrors of war. While Britain, Germany and France, the neighbors of Holland, are said to be spending \$5,000,000 a day upon war—Holland is spending about half a million dollars a week in maintaining the victims of war. Her people give it willingly through motives of compassion. But Queen Wilhelmina and her government must, by the rules of war, receive it back again with interest from the governments to whom the refugees belong. If desolated Belgium is not able to pay her board and lodging bill, the allies will have to pay it. If the war should last a year, Holland's bank account will become increased by quite a respectable sum. The longer the war, the poorer her neighbors will be—but the richer she.

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MAGISTRATE SPEAKS FOR ZAM-BUK

Magistrate Perry, of Goldfields, B.C., believes in making a good thing known. Writing of Zam-Buk, the great household balm, he says:—

"After a very fair trial I have proved Zam-Buk eminently satisfactory. In my case it cured a skin rash of five years' standing which no doctor had been able to do any good for. I would certainly encourage any person to keep Zam-Buk in his home." The magistrate is quite right. Every home needs Zam-Buk! Unequalled for cuts, burns, bruises, eczema, blood poisoning and all skin diseases. All stores and druggists sell it at 50 cents a box. Sure cure for piles.



REMARKABLE PHOTO OF A ROYAL QUARREL Shows Late King Edward and the Kaiser in Attitudes of Anger.

"I call the picture 'The Beginning of the War.' It is how Sir Herbert Tree describes a remarkable photograph which he possesses illustrating a quarrel between the late King Edward and the Kaiser Wilhelm several years ago. The origin of the quarrel is not divulged, but Mr. Bassett, of London correspondent of the Petit Parisien, relates how he first saw this snapshot, 'taken five or six years ago, when King Edward VII, irritated by certain overhand tricks on the part of his nephew, found it necessary to tell William II, what he thought of him fairly sharply. The indiscreet photograph shows the end of the scene. The two sovereigns had been talking in a corner of the garden, and after a discussion, which seems to have been very heated, Edward has turned brusquely away, called his dogs to heel, and, obviously displeased, has refused to hear another word. The Kaiser, looking thoroughly ashamed of himself, is trying to detain him, his hands outstretched in supplication. I have never seen such a striking and prophetic picture since the outbreak of the war began."

His Aristocratic Taste. "Doesn't your wife like automobilizing?" "She likes it well enough." "But I've never seen her in the car with you." "She'd like to go, all right, but that blue-blooded bulldog of hers won't ride in anything but a limousine."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

It is always better to create a smile than provoke a frown. Ignorance is usually one of the products of ignorance.

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A CHIO SMOCK EFFECT.

The little velvet or satin overblouse which is known by the name of smock, middie shirt, camisole, and so on, inexactness, is one of the most attractive modes of the season. As shown here, it is worn with a skirt of white crepe de Chine and underblouse of all-over net.

The overblouse is treated in today's lessons, because it is accompanied by a number of dainty collar and vest effects and can be worn with any number of frocks. To make the smock requires 1/4 yard 36-inch material, with 1/2 yard 36-inch net or batiste for the collar. A gimp requires 1 yard of 20-inch net.

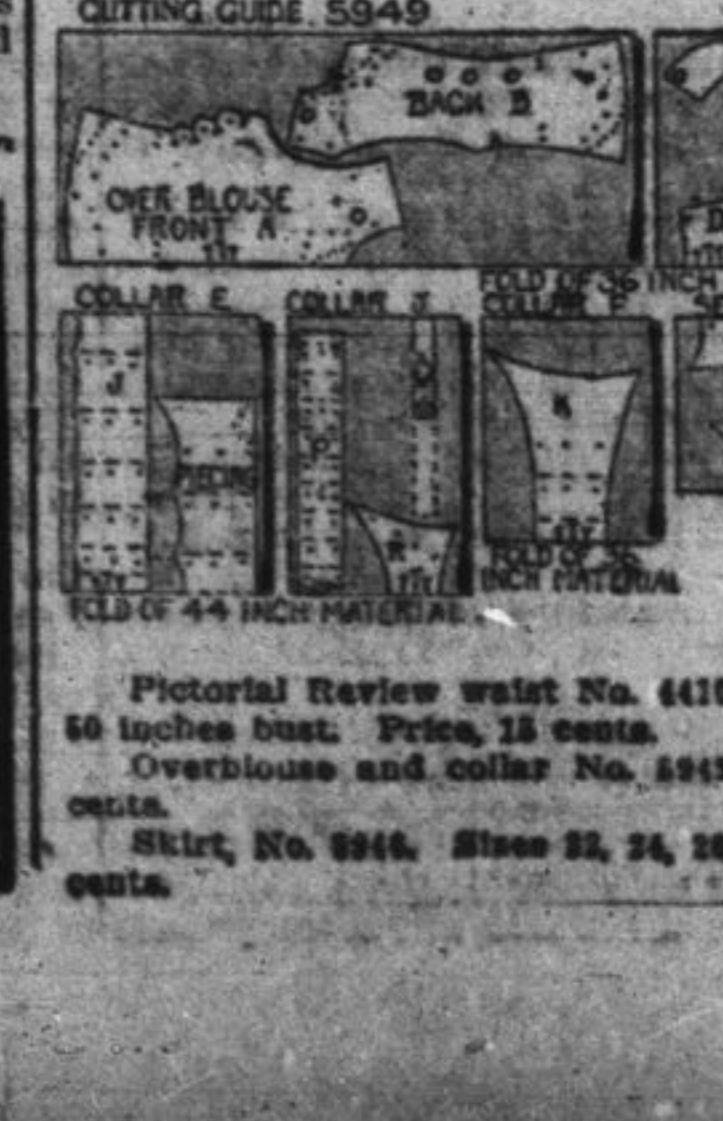
After cutting the overblouse from a fold of velvet or satin, proceed to make flat the front, placing "x" on corresponding small "o" perforations and tack. Close under-arm seam as notched. Lap shoulder edge of back on front, matching large and small "o" perforations and stitch. Underfacing right back edge, sew an underlap to left back edge. Waist-line indicated by double "oo" perforations.

New, pleat collar section, brings skirt to small "o" perforations, pressing forming box-pleat at center-front. Sew band to lower edge as notched, fold through center, fell remaining edge over seam. Cut off right back edge 1/2 inch. Stitch a straight band 1/2 inch wide or ribbon to position, with center over crossing of double "oo" perforations. Bone pointed section at small "o" perforations and adjust, center-backs and lower edges even.

Silk cords should be used to lace the overblouse at the sides. Neckwear, exquisite, handmade neckwear, has an inherent charm for women. It is very expensive when bought of the departments that offer exclusive styles in this accessory. It can be made for a song, and the effects will fully repay the sewer. As gifts, it is a beautiful thought, put into practical form at a small outlay of time and money.

Organize is a popular fabric for neckwear. Many collars are completed with cuffs to match. These are deep and open at the outer line. They are appearing in lace as well as in the soft types so popular on the stage dress.

Effective costume in black velvet and white silk crepe de Chine, exploiting a clever variation of the smock.



DON'T NEGLECT THAT SORE!

A Chicago man has just died from blood poisoning arising from neglect of a small sore. Don't neglect a cut, a patch of eczema, or an open sore of any kind. The air is full of poison germs, waiting to start up their evil results in neglected sores, wounds, etc. In Zam-Buk is safety. Zam-Buk is so highly antiseptic that applied to any kind of sore or injury it makes blood poisoning impossible. In using Zam-Buk you have three processes going on at once for Zam-Buk is healing, soothing and antiseptic. Try it without delay.



BRITAIN TAKES NEEDIEST 2,500 Belgians Are Crossing From Holland Weekly.

London, Jan. 5.—Belgian refugees to the number of 2,500 weekly are being transferred from Holland to England," said Percy Alden, the labor member, in discussing the matter with the Gazette. Mr. Alden has been at Flushing for some weeks past, at the request of the Board of Trade, on behalf of which a daily boat has been chartered for the transportation of refugees, either free or subsidized passages being given. The preference is being given to those for whom accommodation of a satisfactory nature is not being given in Holland. It is not a case, Mr. Alden declared, of England selecting the best, but, rather, the neediest refugees. He further stated that of £10,000 voted by the city of Glasgow for relief in Holland, £5,000 has been applied to helping those whose names are exhausted; £4,000 being given to the Netherlands committee for Zealand province, and £1,000 for interned Belgian soldiers.

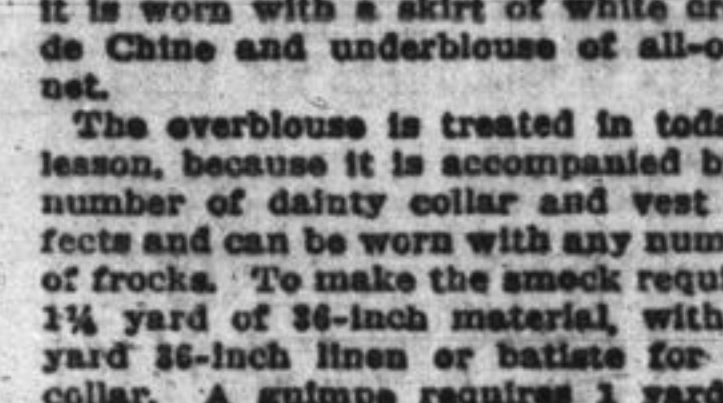
Mr. Alden repudiated the idea that the trades unions object to the employment of refugees, and said that union rates of pay. He disagreed with a recent report on this question, and would go much further than its recommendation.

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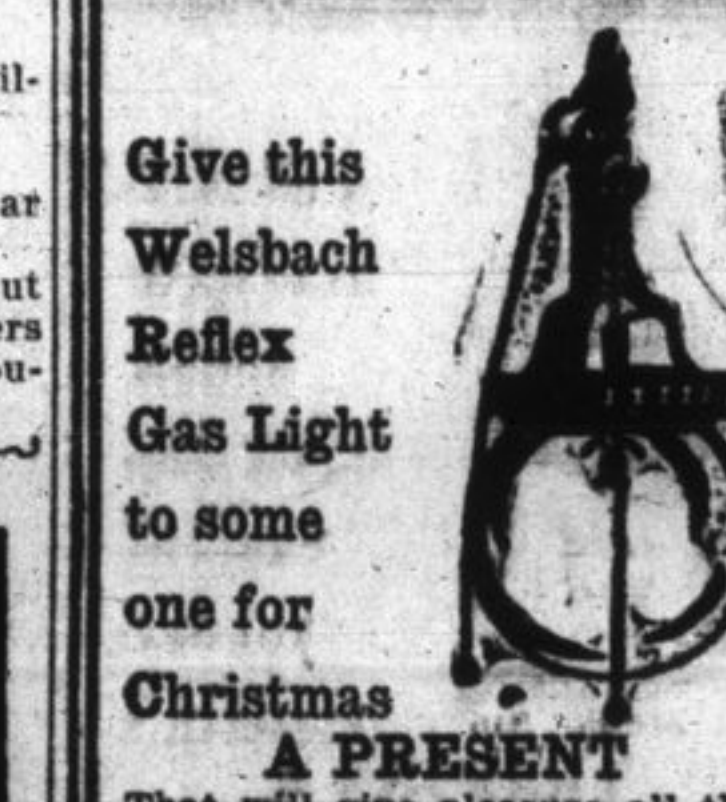
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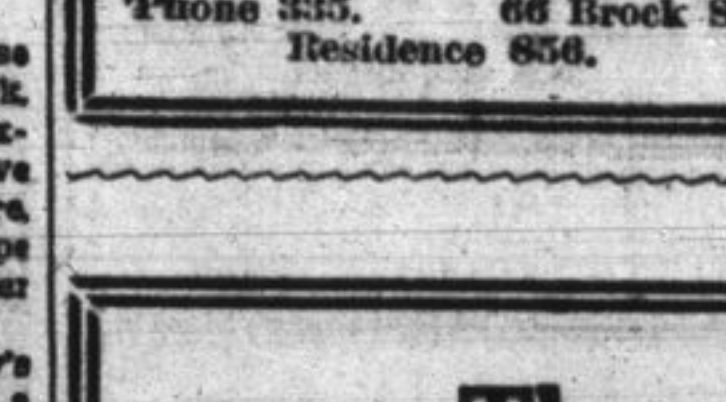
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