



# THE REJECTED SOLDIER • PRESENTS SAD PROBLEM

One Man Writes Saying He Would do Anything to Help But is Refused as Unfit Feels Position Keenly Slackers Different

There is one very sorrowful aspect begging, appealing, almost driving of the war which seems to be ignored men to toe the line. have to remain in the background by won't have me. Unfit. I feel most bitter form of physical endur- is punishment enough. ance-that of continual longing after the ubattainable. To explain the matter more fully, let me state my own case, a tale typical of many. I am six feet tall, healthy as a trout, sound in wind and limb, capable of doing thirty miles at a stretch without per-Captible fatigue. I have had one day's sickness in the last twenty years. My desire has always been to join the ser ice, but I never tried in peace time because I knew it was useless

because of my defect. Chance of a Lifetime

my chance hat come. They will have than the two-eyed man, because I in his own words: me now, I told myself. They wanted should be capable of more rapid aim- "The village of Loos was a perfect men, and I knew that I was one of a ing owing to not having to waste time shambles with dead Germans, and in class of men who were vanted. Full in closing the left eye before firing, every window was a sniper. My chief of enthusiasm for the life, knowing My great desire is to do my bit in duty and concern was to find a place weil the possible, aye, the probable France. I would give m; left hand to where I could signal from, and I saw result, yet keenly willing to give all be allowed to fight with the right, but a small house just like one of our for the sake of King and country. I no branch of the fighting forces will village at home. I entered the front knew my chance ad come. Nothing have me. In my opinion Lord Kit- door and ran up against a couple of could be finer. The fire week of the chener is wasting a large amount of Germans. My rifle was up and two war saw me at the restricting office, good material in neglecting this re- builets bowled them over. Then and then, "No, my lad, we can't take serve of strength, stowed away went upstairs, and at the top was an same thing happened. They would certain set standards, are officiall, un lightning I fired at him, and had the not have me. They didn't want me. fit. All could be employed, if not in satisfaction of seeing him roll dead on Three times since, six times in all, the fighting line, at any rate by re- the stairs. the same result. And all the time leasing others for the front. Can they were, and are now, coaxing, nothing be done for them?

by all who write about the various I have read and re-read the stories pleases of this great conflict and its of the great battles, and I feel overy effects. I refer to the man who is time and all the time the blood coursunfit according to the official stand-ing all the faster through my veins ard, and yet who is wishful of doing and I know thatt my place is ou something in the great cause. There there. Then immediately the remindmust be thousands of such men who er comes. What is the use? They orce of circumstances, and who are work, to and fro, that people must doomed to suffer what is perhaps the rank me among the slackers. That

unfit man if the infirmity is not too pparent is usually classed as one ly infirmity is blindness in the left eye, through an accident at the age of four. I have finer sight in my right eye than ninety-nine men out a every hundred, and the absurdity of the situation lies in the fact that soldiers to fire, close, or partially close, the left eye. To put the matter plain- soldier whose home is at Glasgow, had ly in a grim sort of humor, I should the distinction of capturing thirty When the war broke out I thought be a better man in the use of the rifle Germans at Loos. This is the story Three times that week the amongst the men who, because of other German waiting. Quick as

## Much Work and no Glory is Life of the Staff Clerk

No Victoria Crosses For the Man Who Plods Always and Fights When Called on-A Cheerful Drudge But no Shirker.

Much has been said, much has been written about the British fighting soldier-and with justice. He is, hackneved as the word is, the superman of this war. But there is another of bune less written. Deeds of daring are

of work through important operations don. keeps him up well into the early morn- Persons without a sense of humor ed lap-dog on the best part of the In between those duties, save for manners are a cult. that the soldier in the trenches atrikes | Don't nag the leaders. There is no the verge of starvation.

strong healthy body behind it. Always Ready For a Scrap It is the staff which sees that he

has all the ammunition he needs. clothes to keep him warm, respirators Two Huns Say Men Treated Like to protect him against gas attack, has his letters and papers delivered to him the staff cierk is a soldier as well as "we were all fired with patriotism bea clerk—carries arms, and is trained cause we thought the Fatherland was to use them, and is also inured to being attacked, but afterwards we military discipline. When a "scrap" found that our lives were being sacridoes come his way, which is very sel- ficed for the benefit of the war lords. himself; but more often than not he twenty-four hours, and after fourteen is hit without being able to hit back. days in the trenches we had to do various British Headquarters register. I have seen officers, under warm sheled as has we have theirs and now ter, lying in bed while wounded soland again pass the time away shelling diers lay outside on straw. When Emthem, or perhaps an occasional bomb- peror William visited the trenches the dropping aeroplane practises on them. soldiers were not allowed to turn to Honors and awards are not for the look at him. Knapp said. With restaff clerk, but when this ghastly war gard to the Crown Prince the desertis over, and German culture crushed, ers had nothing to say, but shrugged as it will be, let it not be forgotten their shoulders. that the staff clerk did no inconsiderable share in the glorious work.

London Molds Kaiser's Money Lloyd George threw cold water on the tends that a force of 40,000 could be be sequestrated but there is a popular jects in England. Hundreds of Ameribelief that lerge sums of money be cans are included in the various Canlonging personally to the Emperor are adian contingents, having adopted the held by British banks.

King Albert Took Actio The "Vlaamsche Stem" the organ of the Flemiah part of the Belgian fugitives in Holland, turned against the The Kaiser has ordered that a num-Relgian government in Havre and ad ber of soldiers who have lost their vocated a division of Beigium; there eyesight or have been otherwise badly upon King Albert issued an order wounded but are still able to do some banisning the seditious paper from the work, shall be given employment and part of his country held by his troops. a home on his large estate at Cadinen.

## SENSIBLE SAYINGS

Remember it is the final 'ap that wins,-King George. Achievement belongs to the young.

Apparently President Wilson is not Helping to save the nation's babies

women.-Mr. Walter Long. Every man to his post! All for the

rest of the day. His work is respon- noticed that all madmen write letters up with cream and custard?

hard, under the most favorable con husband who does not know that for What, too, of women's cigaretten, crowded bazaars of Bombay and sat to let you enter a restaurant. These suspicious. Neither priest nor beadle, the church, the beadle appeared on the ditions, and at the right moment; and moral improvement nagging is the Not content with good Virginia. Turk cross-legged with Arab merchants in good-natured men, fighting the bitter in spite of his 80 years, was exempt steps, waving his wife's bonnet and

## WHY GERMANS DESERT

Doga-Kaiser Like Lady Godiva

The German artillery have all the exercises all day when we came out.

Forming a Foreign Corps

Among the many recruiting sugges-What is the property which the tions is that of forming a Foreign Le-Keiser is said to own in England? gion. The author of the idea consuggestion that this property should raised among other than British subsimple expedient of crossing the frontier into Canada and making for the nearest recruiting office.

War Lord and Wounded

### CURIOS MADE TO ORDER FAKE GERMAN MARVELS

hings, therefore, to be extra careful. Scores of bushels of alleged shrapiel bullets, supposed to have come from shells fired by anti-aircraft guns in the recent London raids, and hundredweights of pieces of "bambs" said to have been picked up after the 'Zepps" had gone, have been sold durng the past while to credulous pur-

Dealers in old scrap iron have, in some instances, sold it for more than he price of best copper. A broken-up garden roller, if the pieces are jagged enough and curved just right, will yield quite a big assortment of "fragments of shells," supposed to have been fired at Scarborough or Hartlepool, or the Falkland Islands or North Sea en-

"German" helmets are known to have been manufactured in England. And yet every man who i not in the demand for the genuine articles khaki is not a slacker, although the greatly exceeding the supply

### A HAUL OF HUNS

low a Young Jewish Private Captured 30 Germans off His Own Bat

Private Sam Wolfe, a young Jewish

"I now looked for a good window where I could signal from, and seeing KITCHENER AND THE EAST a door off the landing pushed it open Then I got the surprise of my life. The room was full of Germans. All were armed. I never lost my head, Performed in Far East-Natives and called to them to surrender. warned them that the house was sur-

ounded. This ruse was successful. "They dropped their rifles and duped, but a company of soldiers was not far off, and I marched my cap- in tives toward them, and they were

Several Women Still Wasting Money During Wartime on Useless Articles

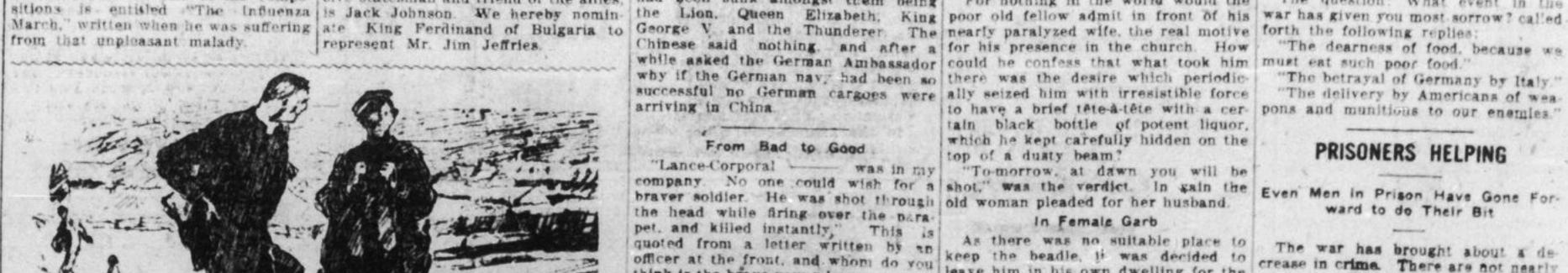
self-denial on the part of womenkind other living man does, knows it so night-leng tour of the trenches I never n general there is nevertheless un well that he can speak half its ton heard an officer speak above a conat the front works as hard as the man dear Motherland, whether we live or doubted evidence that the seriousness gues and dialects with ease, and diale of the times and the crying need for guise himself so effectively as to be orders were definite enough, but given Day in, day out, he puts his fifteen | London is the most garrulous, gos real economy has not yet come home taken for an Arab. | with a certain companionable kindli-

plays luxurious fripperies which would the Royal Engineers. He then went tender-hearted that they place flowers out at about six hours' sleep in twenty. I am sure, as the sun shines, that be out of the way even in normal out to survey Western Palestine. Lord on the graves of fallen comrades, and four. Reveille at six and sleep at if we are not frightened into giving times but which are little short of Kitchener's last position before becom- buy elaborate French funeral wreaths. Many a French village will have a midnight is the usual routine at nor up, we shall have an overwhelming criminal in the throes of a war. ing Secretary of State for War was with their meagre pay. The manners story to recount of the Great War. a fashionable restaurant fed a wretch- General in Egypt.

display for their delectation "real rose danese politics.

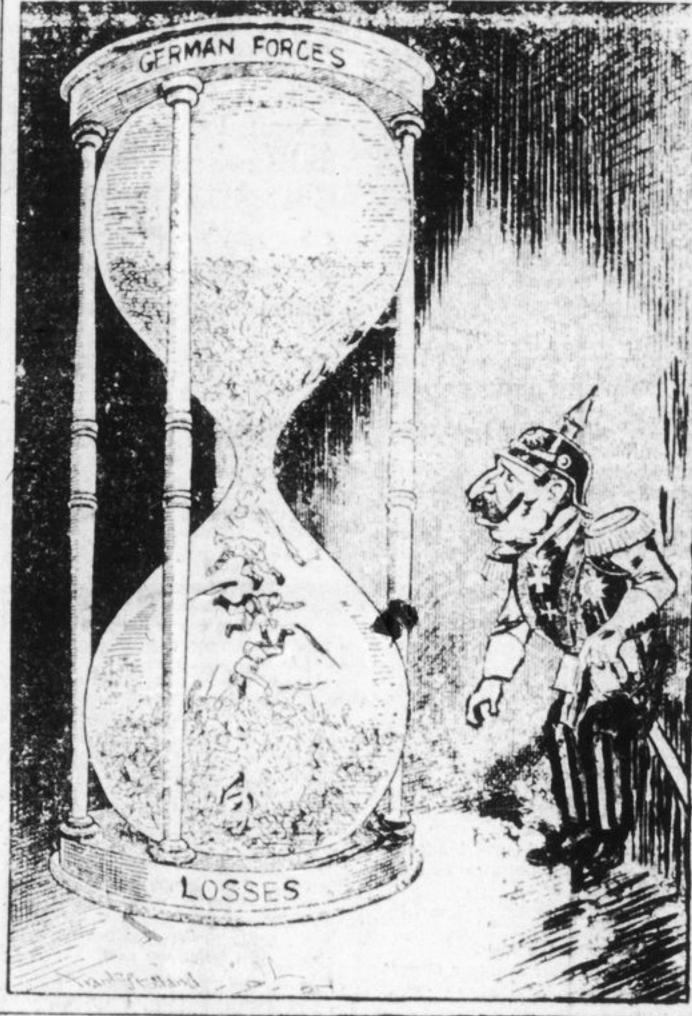
Smith Dorrien Praises Colonials Apropos of the splendid work of the ples of the near East? colonial troops there is no greater ad- The East looks upon Lord Kitchener

A Royal Composer The Grand Duke Michael, who has been giving his patronage to a Russian The English translatio, of the none pened. One interesting statement was tracted from him, except, "Mind your The great victories, because we al-



The Worst Character in Village (who has repeatedly been pressed by the inhabitants to enlist): "I dunna believe there ain't no war. I believe twice that number of miles is not con. The sentry stared hard, but, rocog, moted to officers, sixteen were killed

HOW MUCH LONGER CAN IT LAST !



THE BRITISH OFFICER

POLITE AND CHEERFUL

with them to England; where they

as possible, and so instead of hating

no worse and no better than that of

IMAGINATION'S LIMIT

China Heard How Germany Put the

Whole British Fleet Out of Action

War Secretary's Greatest Feats Were Worship Him Like a God

A few days after Christmas, 1884. equipment and filed out of the house, in the British camp at Korti on the wish nothing so much as that their There were 30 of them. Once clear Nile, where the Gordon Relief Force friends will "cut out that hero stuff." of the house they saw they had been was waiting for its final dash on Khar- They are not emotional, the British,

Tall and thin, his dress a much and they have a way of smiling at patched djibbeh and a dirty skull cap, times when smiles are much needed. there was round his neck the string Their patriotism is very practical. of ninety-nine beads that showed a They wish to kill as many Germans devoted follower of the Hahdi

e shot to-morrow, I suppose. But he never was, for that Arab the officers. Men and officers speak spy was Lord Kitchener, of Khartoum, of eath other in the affection of the While there is no doubt much real Lord Kitchener knows the East as no comradeship of war. Throughout a

or sixteen hours daily—that is, actual sipy, idle tale-bearing, pessimistic to many with money to burn. Lord Kitchener's first job was in the ness. The men deny they are heroes. attendance at his office often merely place in the British Empire to-day. The West End of London still dis- East, three years after he had entered They joke with death but are so

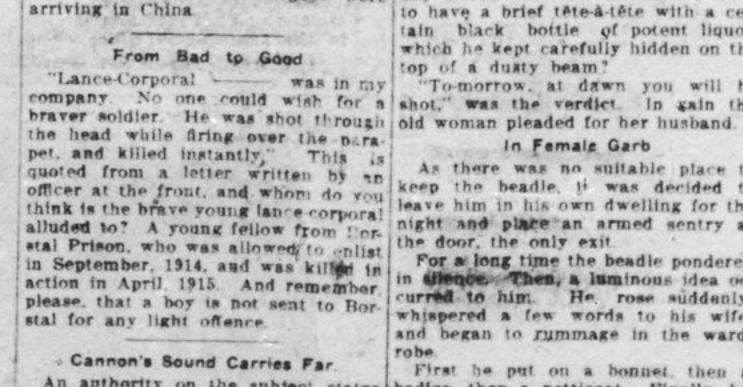
and some of the very poor almost on his name is one to conjure with. He turn than you will from many a well- gions descended upon it.

leaf tipped" cigarettes at 85c for In all the bazaars of Egypt and Sou- the prize-fighter and the bully in their when a flickering light was noticed dan he is spoken of as "El Lord," and faces, know why they are fighting." behind one of the church windows. he is regarded by the masses of the people almost as a god. Did he not smash the Mahdi, the god of the peo-

mirer of their gallantry than General as the greatest white man who has regularly. Should be die on the battle. Wilhelm Knapp and Albert Ohlhof, Smith-Dorrien, who in the South Afri- ever been among them, greater even field, the staff sees to his burial, in- German army deserters, tried to get can War had the Canadian Irregulars than Chinese Gordon, and he was a forms his family, and insures that his into the United States. Knapp tells under him. He once said, "Give me great man. And it is because of that" next of kin receives all moneys and of hardships in the trenches, with a thousand colonials, let me train that Lord Kitchener went East. other possessions that were due to little food and many hard knocks, them for six months, and I would lead He is the only man who knows the him. It must not be forgotten that "When the war began." Knapp said, them against any continental army.". Eastern mind and has the power to sway it the way he will.

Black vs. While

dom, he does not forget that he is a On fighting days our rations consisted Flag Day in England, is a very talent of Take Ionescue, Roumania's progressoldier, and gives a good account of of a loaf of rye bread, with water every ed musician, and one of his composive statesman and friend of the allies,



of thunder is about fifteen miles, while and went out sounds of battle to travel.

## DEEDS OF HEROINES WILLAL WAYS LINGER

Edith Cavell Who Gave Her Life For Empire and Love of Service is One of Many Women Whose Deeds Live Gloriously

he famous Italian city very different from what it appeared before war was at the hands of the Huns. Early in declared between Italy and Austria. One of the first things they would gian nurse, took charge of some notice would be the remarkable iron wounded English Tommies in Anicages which cover in many of the werp. She had previously been nursbeautiful statues of the City of Canals. ing German soldiers. The hospital These cages are practically bomb

Another thing that would strike them would be the many buildings which are protected by thick armor plate. To these buildings have been transferred the most valuable contents of the Venetian museums. Places like St. Marks, and the well Doges' Palace have not only been proected by thousands of sandbags. where necessary, specially construct ed masonry shelters have been built round the more beautiful parts of these buildings.

All these paintaings of Italian masters, the most valuable paintings in the world, and the biggest, too, have been taken from their frames and rolled in gigantic iron cylinders and stored away in safety.

List of Cigarettes Which Are Most Appreciated by Our Gallant Men

A well know firm of tobacconists has sent some very interesting in formation. Who among us has not wondered what kind of cigarettes to send to our soldier friends? As a rule, it is a mere toss-up whether we send the kind most appreciated. Here is a little light on the subject. "Wild Woodbines" are always same to send

to the British Tommy. New Zealand ers prefer "Three Castles," South A few days afterwards a shell fell Africans like "Flags," and Canadians close to an ambulance of which she are particularly partial to "Player's had charge. Without a second's heat-They never lose their manner, these Navy Cut." Either "Three Castles" or tation she picked it up and carried English officers. They carry it into the charge, and back in the ambulance

cigarettes among the Australians. ing up your parcels, and when you do her, from which she recovered once not know the individual tastes of your more to resume her nuising soldiers. But it is an incomplete list. When she was presented with the toum, an Arab prisoner was brought perhaps, officers or men, but they are for it does not say a word about Jack Legion of Honor it was in front of Tar. Let us add, therefore, that the troops whom she had so bravely

Only the flendish cruelty of the Germans could have produced such a tragedy as that of Edith Cavell. Boy hind in Belgium, she stayed nursing friend and foe alike in pursuing her sacred path of mercy. She as not where she was nursing our soldier. was shelleds and this brave wom u ty nearly five miles away. She after wards returned to Antwerp and was called upon by a German soldier to show her passport. She did so, and ie tore it into fragments and shot her in the neck. She was then func into a cellar and bayoneted in the back. Here she lingered between lite and death for many days. Minglig she managed to escape from the lar and though half mad with paul and hunger, e caped into the land ines, and from there was sed-

Nursed the Troops at Balactva Perhaps the most amazing lare on record is that of Sister Marie Therese, the Superior of the Sisters of Mercy After the Crimea War she was crest ed a Knight of the Legion of Henor by the French Government for her devotion to the French troops.

Before she had turned twenty-six she was nursing the troops at Balaclava, and was severely wounded. She ext went through the Italian campaign and was wounded at Magenta Her bravest deed was at Reich shoper. On that battlefield she was picked up badly wounded amid the podies of dead soldiers. Her injunies did not keep her from her work of

### Bravery Rewarded

"Capstans" are the most popular it a safe distance from he wounded soldiers. Before she could lay it down This list should be useful when mak- it burst, inflicting terrible injuries on

navy favors "Woodbines" above all nursed, and they "presented arms"

## "Another blooming spy," said one or getting excited they just stick to the privates guarding him. "He'll their work. The food of the men is How a Wily Octogenarian Tricked German Soldiers

dered to be Shot For no Reason be Murderers and Escaped.

What think you of a woman who in in the East, when he was Consul- of the British trenches are good, bet. That of which the beadle of a small ter than in many places where good village in the department of the Aisne out-church, presbytery and houses, ing, but does not relieve him for the always write long letters. I have breast of a chicken, and followed it the three years of the Boer War, Lord When they got up to let you pass cause it to be remembered. Before cover is the hero has a human side that will but not beadle could the soldiers dis-Kitchener has lived in the East. From sand you smiled your thanks, you rethe war, this vilage was a peaceful Two days later the village changed sible and important. It is the staff of more than four pages.—Sir Her- This, too, when people are in wan, Egypt to India, from Calcutta to Cairo, ceived a much pleasanter smile in re- spot. Then, one fine day, the Hun le- masters a second time and was oc-

has talked trade and commerce in the fed gentleman, who has to stand aside As usual, the invaders were terribly ment of French dragoons was passing which feeds him properly and regular most fatal thing in the world.—Arch ish, or Egyptian, there are shops which the Soudan, gravely discussing Sou- est kind of warfare, without the signs from careful supervision. Suspicion singing lustily the Marseillaise. of brutality which are associated with was replaced by certainty one night. Somebody inside was obviously making secret signals to the enemy. With infinite precautions the church was surrounded and the door burst open.

> Found Nothing Suspicious Inside, the beadle was discovered looking very embarrassed. Soon after the war commenced Ger- "What are you doing here?"

man agents distributed wholesale over "Mind your own business." in China pampillets relating the won- Without more ado the old man was derful naval "victories" which Von seized and carried off to his house. Tirpitz had won. According to the It was thoroughly ransacked, but many. Huns the Entente Allies had been de- nothing suspicious was discovered. "The bombardment of London with feated on land and in the air almost The beadle was submitted to a fire of Zeppelins, because the English are before hostilities had actually hap questions, but no answer could be ex- guilty of having caused the war."

to the fact that 103 British warships own business." Chinese said nothing, and after a for his presence in the church. How "The dearness of food, because we while asked the German Ambassador could be confess that what took him must eat such poor food why if the German navy had been so there was the desire which periodic. "The betrayal of Germany by Italy." successful no German cargoes were ally seized him with irresistible force "The delivery by Americans of weato have a brief tête-à-tête with a cer- pons and munitions to our enemies. tain black bottle of potent liquor, which he kept carefully hidden on the top of a dusty beam? "Lance-Corporal - was in my "To-morrow, at dawn you will be

company. No one could wish for a shot," was the verdict. In sain the Even Men in Prison Have Gone For-In Female Garb

As there was no suitable place to keep the beadle, it was decided to leave him in his own dwelling for the night and place an armed sentry at the door, the only exit For a long time the beadle pondered

silence. Then, a luminous idea oc curred to him. He rose suddenly whispered a few words to his wife, and began to rummage in the ward-

First he put on a bonnet then a that the sound of cannonading can be took his wife's crutch, and leaning naval and military operations once a heard much farther than that of thun heavily upon it, groaning and sobbing der. The limit of the carrying power bitterly the while, he opened the door

offered no objection to let her pass.

streaks of dawn ill up the eastern aky. a sergeant and two men appeared to But He Bamboozied the Would- take the prisoner to the Kommandatur. In the little house they found only the poor old woman industriously telling her beads. "Where is your husband?"

The whole village was 'urned inside

### YOUNG HUNS SPEAK

School Children in Germany Give Event Most Pleasing and Otherwise

Here are some of the answers given by German school children of Frankfort to the question: What event in the war has most pleased you! "The conquest of Belgium, otherwise the French would have entered Ger-

had been sunk amongst them being For nothing in the world would the The question: What event in the

### PRISONERS HELPING

ward to do Their Bit

The war has brought about a decrease in crime. There are not nearly so many people in prison now as there were in times of peace. Even those who are left in durance vile seem anxious to do their bit for the country Numerous articles were required quickly for the use of Tommy and Jack at the front. The prisoners/put their backs into the work, and turned it out in record time. As a reward An authority on the subject states bodice, then a petticoat. Finally, he made acquainted with the progress of the Government allowed them to be week. At the outbreak of war up to May 1st, 1914, 340 inmates were residered any great distance for the nizing the figure of the old woman he or wounded, and only seventeen committed fresh offences