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SECOND SECTION

WOMEN TRAINING TO DO THEIR BIT IN ARMY, AIR, AND ON FARMS.

PLAYED CARDS AS SHIP SANK

Remarkable Coolness of Australian Soldiers on the Ballarat.

THE NAVY TO THE RESCUE

OF THE GALLANT MEN WHO WERE IN DANGER.

No Heroes and No Fuss as Orders on the Torpedoed Vessel Are Carried Out—Most of the Pets Are Saved—Boat Drill Praised.

London, May 3.—The Chronicle publishes the following:

The story of the sinking of the troopship Ballarat is a partner to the stories of the Southland and the Birgenhead. The behavior of the men follows in gallantry the behavior of the men of the Middlesex Regiment. In this case it was the Australians who added to the page of fine British traditions. It was Anzac Day, and the officers were planning to hold a memorial service when there came the dull crash that seemed, as the officer said, "to lift the skin off your face," and the ship began to take a list. The alarm was instantly sounded by the bugles. Without confusion of any kind the men fell at the boat stations. "It's all right, boys," called out the old man on the bridge. "Don't sing too loud," said an officer, laughing, "because I can't give orders."

The turn of the navy came now. The men instinctively knew that the navy would turn up. It turned up Destroyers and trawlers appeared as if by magic. There was a moderate sea, and the ship having been struck near the propeller, began settling down by the stern. She did not actually sink until about four hours later. "While waiting for the boats to be lowered some of the men sang, some actually settled down to play cards, and most of them smoked. The nurses remained with the medical staff until all the patients were provided for, and the whole medical staff remained with the patients until they were safely placed in the boats.

Most of Pets Saved.

Every pet was saved with the exception of some of the ship's cats. Over the side went "Bill Anzac," an Australian parrot, in a cage. A grey squirrel had the run of a raft. A fox terrier and her puppies are now the guests of the officers of the destroyer, and it was all done decently and in order. No heroes, no fuss and a great deal of humor and absolute efficiency. Mails written home by the men were in their sacks and they were saved. It was arranged that they should be saved if possible. The records and money were saved. The Bandmaster saved his cornet. The Bandmaster was wont to call upon his band to fall in by means of a certain call of his cornet, and when the men were in the boats they heard the old familiar cornet sing out, but the band could not reply. The Bandmaster saved his instruments and though the band fell in, there was no answer from the fife and drum and the bugle, and across the water came a great noise of laughter from all the boats because the little joke had struck home. The men had lost their ship, they were miles from anywhere, they were in open boats, and when the cornet sounded they laughed. They landed with promptness and despatch and soon set foot on England for the first time without boots. The submarine was never seen. She took a small part in this affair, but the British navy was there and took a very great part. Prompt assistance, up to time, and no fuss, and those men who exhausted their vocabulary on the question of boat drill are nearly dumb. "I've heard about the navy," said a man, "but, but, well—well, there is was."

There is nothing better than a good woman and nothing worse than a bad one.

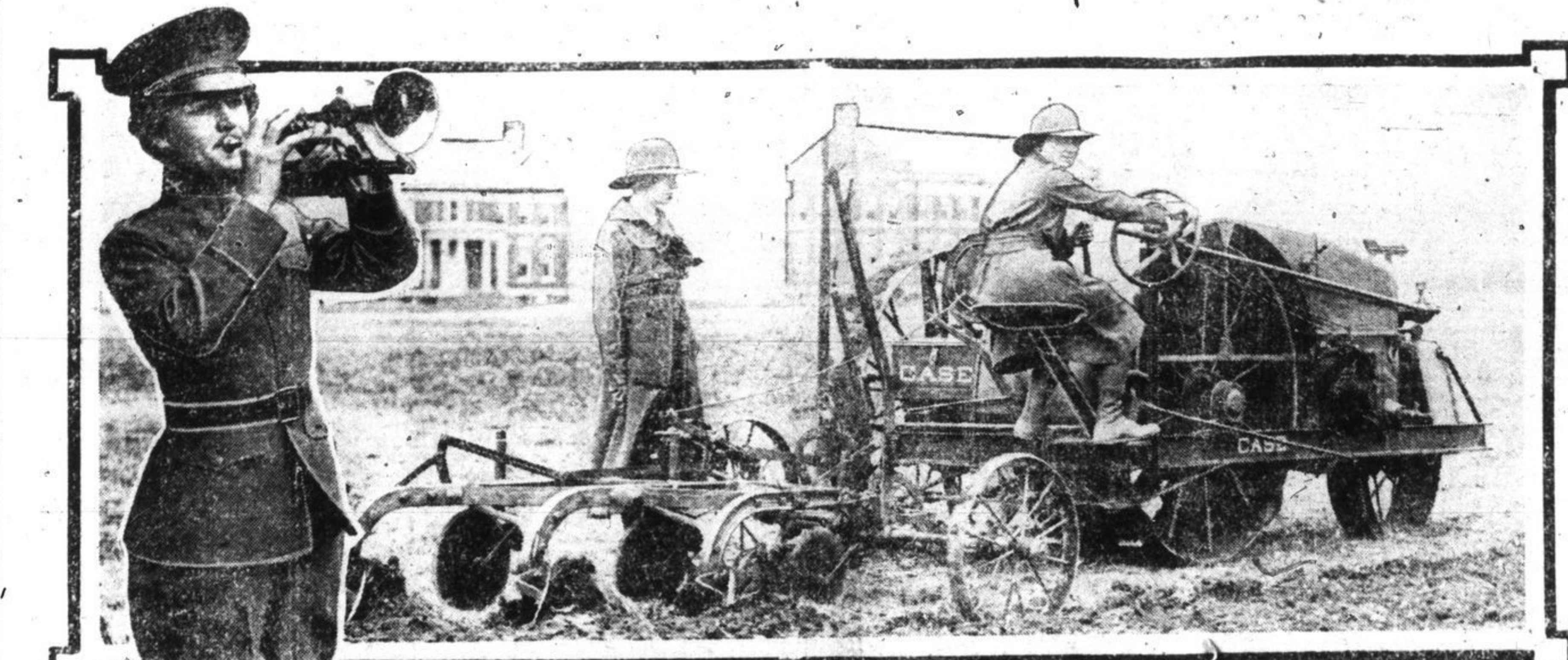
Doctors Advised Operation As Only Cure for Piles

Wife Objected to Use of Knife and Cure Was Effected by Use of Dr. Chase's Ointment.

Grimsby, Ont., May 4.—Here is the affidavit of a well-known fruit-grower, who was cured of bleeding Piles some years ago by using Dr. Chase's Ointment.

His doctor could do nothing for him and recommended a surgical operation as the only means of cure. Luckily his wife had heard about Dr. Chase's Ointment and complete cure resulted from its use.

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"FLOTSAM AND JETSAM"

STORY OF GIN CASE AS RECOUNTED IN LAW JOURNAL.

The Court Could Tell the Difference Between John De Kuyper's Oxygen or Nitrogen.

The latest copy of the Canada Law Journal has a story under the title "Flotsam and Jetsam," which is of local interest. It reads:

R., a hotel keeper was convicted of selling gin after hours, and appealed to a District Court Judge of Ontario, of Irish extraction. Counsel for the accused was of the same extraction. The complainant, a provincial constable, testified that the offence had been committed and that he had personally tasted the gin. The following cross-examination ensued:

Counsel: You are positive that the bottle contained gin?

Witness: Certainly.

C.: Then you are an expert on the subject of gin?

W.: Well! No, not exactly.

C.: But you know the bottle contained gin?

W.: Positive.

C.: What kind? W.: Beg pardon!

C.: What kind, I said. W.: I don't understand you.

W.: Now, sir, if you know gin so well, how many kinds of gin are there?

W.: I don't know, but I know that bottle held gin.

C.: Now, sir, remember you are on your oath. Do you know the difference between that brand of gin commonly called "Holland gin" and that other kind of gin called oxygen?

W. (hesitatingly): No.

C.: I thought not! Then it might have been oxygen?

W.: It might.

C.: Of course—Now are you familiar with another kind of gin called hydro-gin?

W.: No, I am not.

C.: Then the contents of that bottle might have been hydrogen for all you knew?

W.: It might, but I am sure it was gin.

C.: Now, sir, there is another kind of gin called nitro-gin. Do you know anything about it?

W.: I cannot.

C.: I thought not. I thank you.

The Judge: This court has listened with very considerable interest to the cross-examination of the complainant, which has perhaps ensnared him into a "gin" not referred to by counsel. It might appear from this examination that the complainant was remarkably ignorant of the distinction between the various kinds of gin particularly enumerated and described by the defendant's counsel. But this court, while disclaiming any thought of being an expert in the subject of gin, is able to differentiate between that kind of gin which so often furnishes the slings of outrageous fortune and those other brands of gin referred to by counsel. Nor is this court unfamiliar, as might be conjectured, with that by-product of oxygen commonly called "hot air." Relying, therefore upon the evidence it upholds the conviction. The court, however, has no disposition to be unduly severe notwithstanding the cross-examination, and only imposes the ordinary costs.

Butter \$1 lb. in Paris.

Paris, May 4.—The regulation fixing the maximum retail selling price of butter at an equivalent of 88 cents a pound in Paris was abolished yesterday by the Minister of Provisions and the price went up to the equivalent of a dollar a pound.

Trouble makers are as plentiful as peace makers are scarce.



Miss Edwardine Lavoie, bugler of the 1st Field Artillery Band of the New York National Guard, is seen in the first photo. It is stated that Miss Lavoie is the only known woman-bugler in an army band, and she certainly can play. The battery is quite proud of her and she is just as proud of her unique distinction. Bugler Lavoie, it hardly need be said, is the trimmest dressed soldier in the regiment.

The second photograph shows Miss Kathryn Freeman and Miss Freda Lane operating a tractor on the farm on the New York State school of Agriculture at Farmingdale, Long Island. A number of women are studying farming at this school so that they will be able to teach the people how to cultivate every inch of their garden plot and raise enough necessary vegetables to supply their own families. In this way the crops can be diverted in a large measure to the other side, and it will also cut the cost of living.

This third picture shows young ladies of the Women's Military Reserve of the United States, being instructed in the fundamentals of aviation at the Sheephead Bay Race-track, Brooklyn, N.Y. The course of training and instruction is a thorough one, and after its completion the women will hope to be skilled aviators, ready to do their bit in the upper world.

GERMAN APRIL LOSS TERRIBLE

Fighting on the Western Front Disastrous For the Germans.

DIVISIONS WIPED OUT

IN SIGHT OF DAY WHEN GAPS CAN'T BE FILLED.

Between April 1 and 27 Thirty-two French Divisions Brought Into Action, Leaving for the General Reserve Only 100,000.

By G. H. Perris.

With the French Armies, May 2.—After seeing a number of estimates which broadly agree, I believe that the recently published figures of 100,000 for the total German losses in April appears very far below the reality. It may be but half of the truth. The German forces on April 1st stood as follows: Total of German divisions, 219; on Western front, 143; on other fronts (Russian, Rumanian and Macedonian), 76. There was on the Western front

on April 1st a general reserve of forty-four divisions. But the German divisions are not what they were. The process of attrition brought them down to little, if any, more than half their former strength. We shall be justified in saying that the German general reserves in the West did not exceed a figure between 440,000 and 500,000 men after the great retreat before the beginning of the allied offensive, but this was virtually the only general reserve.

Last Measure of Economy.

Other fronts have been reduced during the winter to a thinness which will be dangerous in summer conditions. The retreat in the west was the last measure of economy, and it is believed that the reducing of the front gave momentary relief amounting to ten divisions. It was only momentary, or, rather, it was never effected. The rapidity of the allied advance into the abandoned territory gave Hindenburg warning of what he was to expect. So far from forces being liberated, strategic reserves had to be successively called in to save the new line.

Between April 1st and April 27th no fewer than thirty-two fresh divisions have been brought into action on the Franco-British front, leaving of the general reserve of a month ago only twelve divisions, or about 130,000 men. An even more startling fact is that of these fresh divisions more than half have been so severely punished that they had to be withdrawn from the front to be reconstituted. The German armies are still for

mildable in numbers and they are fighting desperately in which they have been assured in the decisive struggle. They have, however, fallen off in quality, in relative power of armament, and in supplies, and now they are in sight of the day when they will not be able to fill the gaps in their falling ranks.

UNDOUBTED END OF U-BOATS IN SIGHT

Cambon Says Effect of Means Employed Against Them Gives Satisfaction.

Paris, May 4.—Jules Cambon, general secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in the course of a talk yesterday referring to General Petain's nomination as chief of staff, said: "The nomination of General Petain to the post of chief of the General Staff will assure a closer means of communication between the Government, which has the responsibility of conducting the war, and the commander-in-chief, on who is incumbent the direction of the operations. One of the factors making this change needful was that it conforms to the necessities of a democratic government in which public opinion has its legitimate part in the general orientation of the war. The action of the Government will now be, thanks to the presence of General Petain as chief of the General Staff, of a character more precise and practical while the conduct of the actual operations will remain in the hands of the commander-in-chief."

Concerning the extent of losses from submarines, M. Cambon said: "There is no occasion to be pessimistic over the submarine menace, which is now receiving attention from the Americans. It is foreseen that American energy and precision will again aid effectively in that and in the settlement of the question of feeding and of freight. It is not doubted that the end of the submarines is in sight. The effect of the means of destruction employed against them by the English and French navies is viewed with much satisfaction, and it is interesting to note the recent successes obtained near Dunkirk by scouting and bombing hydro-airplanes in operating against submarines."

Director of Shipbuilding, Ottawa, May 4.—J. W. Norcross, vice-president and managing director of the Canadian Steamship Lines has been chosen by the Dominion Government as director of shipbuilding.

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Stomach Medicines Are Dangerous.

DOCTORS NOW ADVISE MAGNESIA

Just how dangerous it is to indiscriminately dose the stomach with drugs and medicines is often not realized until too late. It seems so simple to swallow a dose of some special mixture or take tablets of soda, peppermint, etc., after meals, and the folly of this drug-taking is not apparent until, perhaps, years afterward, when it is found that gastric ulcers have almost eaten their way through the stomach walls. Heartburn, indigestion, dyspepsia, heartburn, flatulence, etc., indicate excessive acidity of the stomach and the concentration of food contents that precaution should be taken. Drugs and medicines are unobtainable and often dangerous—they have little or no influence upon the harmful acid, and that is why doctors are discarding them and advising sufferers from indigestion and stomach trouble to get rid of the food contents bland and sweet by taking a little pure bisulphated magnesia instead. Bisulphated Magnesia is an absolutely pure anti-acid which can be readily obtained from any drug store. It is absolutely harmless, is practically tasteless and a teaspoonful taken in a little warm or cold water after meals, will usually be found quite sufficient to instantly neutralize excessive acidity of the stomach and prevent all possibility of the food fermenting.

and will be attached to the naval service department. His duties will be to supervise and arrange for the construction of vessels according to the negotiations between the British and Canadian governments.