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WELCOME HOME AGAIN

First Putnam Soldier Arrived From France Wednesday Morning.

Talented musician is now metamorphosed into a typical Yank Soldier, physically fit.

Entirely unexpected Sergeant Sidney Sprout stepped off the train at Anderson and a few moments later surprised and gladdened the family when he entered the home he left early in the war.

He was one of the first volunteers of the Putnam boys and was stationed in a training camp in Massachusetts before leaving for France.

The ship on which he crossed was twenty-one days on the voyage and arrived at Cardiff, Wales, June 22nd. They had their share of danger and excitement on the trip and were compelled to fight Hun submarines two half days but escaped without injury, having beaten the subs off after some fighting.

From Cardiff they were sent to a rest camp at Winchester, England and from there to another rest camp at Havre, France. Sergeant Sprout says that the difference between a "rest" camp and an ordinary camp is that at a "rest" camp they do everything but rest.

The last sight in England before crossing the channel was a large hospital ship loaded with wounded soldiers from the front, staggering into port with its helpless cargo of human freight. The ship had been torpedoed by a submarine and was barely able to reach the nearest friendly land, but finally succeeded and discharged its precious cargo safely.

The night was bright and clear and the moon was shining, which is a real treat for submariners in their chase for human victims and the ships company fully expected to meet a torpedo before landing but Sergeant Sprout says the Hun must have been grossly neglectful for the troopship landed without having had any trouble.

From Havre he was sent to St. Amond, hospital center and base of supplies. After doing ambulance work in the city for a period he was sent a few miles in the country to establish a hospital for sick and wounded soldiers in a part of the country flooded by rain and covered with bottomless mud.

To add to his difficulties he had to arrange for all drinking water to be drawn one and one-half miles by wagon over roads that were seas of mud.

Sergeant Sprout's immediate duty was to superintend the commissary department for two companies and a diet kitchen for three hundred sick soldiers, and while he was furnished a car and driver he could probably have made the rounds quicker than in the ten hours a day if furnished with a hydroplane skim over the mixture of water and mud which it was necessary to navigate in the discharge of his duties.

Food was extremely scarce among the French people and sometimes the soldiers fared poorly; and although the citizens were forbidden to sell soldiers food, good American money had a certain persuasive power and the soldiers managed to get food whether the people were hungry or not.

Sergeant Sprout was fatigued after several months on the home journey but otherwise his physical condition is superb. He looks as "hard as nails" and it is somewhat difficult to remember the popular pianist in the American soldier. In word and action he is typically of the military stamp—even his voice, somewhat gruff and more incisive than the constant giving orders makes one wonder if it can be the same old "Sid".

To say he is welcome again among his old friends is entirely superfluous but we say it emphatically nevertheless.

LETTERS FROM FRANCE

Dear Father:
This is the first chance I have had to tell about my trip.

We had a fine trip across and landed in Liverpool Aug. 11 and from there went to a camp in England at Southampton. From there we went to Recoles, France.

We started work at a school in France Aug. 20 learning the "tanks" and digging trenches, also going over the top etc. and we are under French officers as our Battalion was turned over to the French government.

This school is not a playground but it is better than the regular trenches and there is less danger.

November 1st our captain got a message to go to the front and fight but when we were all ready word was received that the armistice was signed; so we are at Recoles yet.

Since then we have been filling in trenches and cleaning up and getting ready to come home.

We have one or two weeks work yet to finish up and then will be all through. I am getting to like this country as it is a mighty pretty place but they are away behind the times in the U. S. so when they say go home I will be ready.

I hope you are all well. I have gained thirty pounds so you know I am well.

I will tell you more when I get home from your son.

Pvt. Harry C. Frost
Co. G, 320th Inf.
Am. E. F.

Nov. 4, 1918

Dear Aunt Maggie:
How are you? I am well and hope this letter finds you the same. I haven't had a letter from the states in two or three weeks so thought I would write one. This is German paper and it isn't much good. It is like all the rest of the German stuff. So you can keep it for a souvenir.

I suppose you are going up worth this year. When this letter reaches you you will be back. While you are hunting deer I am hunting Dutchmen. I bet I get as many Dutchmen.

Well I will finish my letter. It is now Nov. 5. I just came back from taking a bath. It isn't very often we get a chance to take a bath. I went around the camp, C. A. and got some chewing gum and chewing gum. Well I saw some real live American girls today. It sure sounds like home when you see a woman that can talk to you so you can understand what they say. How are grandpa and grandma?

It is nearly supper time so I will close.

Pvt. Lester Broningsall
Battery E, 69th Artillery
A. E. F., France.

Worry About Their Boy

The report that the U. S. cruiser Brooklyn was the scene of a serious explosion in which six were killed and thirty wounded has caused serious apprehension to Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Lyon of this place.

D. Gariss, who has made his home with them since childhood has been aboard the Brooklyn as a marine for five years and as no names were mentioned of the killed and injured Mr. and Mrs. Lyons and their many friends are somewhat worried for fear their boy may be one of the casualties.

The Brooklyn has been in Brazilian waters for some time and it was near Rio de Janeiro that the accident took place.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS

This paper has effected a combination with the Michigan Farmer whereby the two papers may be obtained for one year for the low price of \$1.75. The regular price of the Farmer is \$1.00 and that of the Dispatch is \$1.25 making a total of \$2.25. You can get both papers for \$1.75 by subscribing in the near future. This advantageous offer will be quickly accepted by many.

Xmas Greetings To One and All

We here offer a combination of Xmas news and home news—**Xmas News**—as the season is at hand when you may make one another happy by bestowing gifts of the season and **Home News** because anything you purchase at our store will help to cheer up the home by its usefulness for the happy recipient. We will only endeavor to list a few of the many articles which can be bought at our store and which can be made **useful** as presents.

Shoes		Gents Handkerchiefs	
Infants.....	\$1.45 to \$1.95	10c, 25c.....	50c
Youths.....	1.95 to 3.25	Ladies Handkerchiefs	
Boys and Girls.....	2.00 to 4.25	10c, 25c.....	50c
Mens and Young Mens.....	2.50 to 8.50	Woolen Blankets	
Rubbers		\$3.50, 4.75, 5.50.....	7.00
Any Style and Any Price from.....	65c to \$1.50	Ladies House Dresses	
Mackinaws		Fine Assortment.....	1.95
\$5.00 to.....	12.50	Hosiery	
Sweaters		Ladies, Childrens, Mens, and Boys	Complete Sizing, lowest prices from 15c to 1.00
75c to.....	11.50	Box Candy	
Fancy Neckwear		30c to.....	2.00
35c, 60c.....	1.00 to 1.25	Bulk Candies	
Suspender and Garter Sets		Best Assortment Ever at Right Prices	
75c and.....	1.00	Bath Towels	
Traveling Bags		25c to.....	1.00
\$3.00 to.....	5.00	Tailor Made Suit	
Gloves and Mittens		\$15.00 to.....	\$60.00
25c to.....	2.50	We measure you at any time. Don't wait.	
Heavy Work Jackets			
3.50 to.....	12.50		

OUR GROCERY DEPARTMENT

is chock full of good, fresh eatables and we are sure you can't possibly go astray by buying your Christmas provisions at our counter.

Salt Pork, Bacon, Frankforts, Ham sausage, Pork chops, Fresh pork, Fresh Beef etc.

Leave your order early for a nice PORK ROAST—nothing better for that good old Christmas Dinner. We'll have an experienced meat cutter on the job so order now.

Oranges, Bananas, Grape fruit, Malaga Grapes, etc.
Again we wish you

A Merry Xmas MONKS BROS.

Bean Diseases

East Lansing, Mich.—An amount of blight and anthracnose sufficient to make these diseases very dangerous to the crop in 1919 has been found in samples of seed beans which within the past several weeks have been submitted to the department of botany of M. A. C. for examination. Samples from Ingham, Kent, the "Tnub" and a number of other districts showed blight present in as much as 10 percent of the seed. Anthracnose, while not so widespread, was discovered in 1.4 percent of the seed. Word is accordingly being sent out to growers emphasizing the need for careful selection of beans, with suggestion that particular effort be made to see

that seed is clean and free from disease.

In connection with its effort to assist the stamping out of anthracnose and blight in the state, the department of botany is offering to make free tests for these diseases if samples are submitted. These samples can be left with county agents for forwarding to the college, or can be mailed direct to the Department of Botany, Michigan Agricultural College East Lansing. When inspection of the samples has been made a report is forwarded to farmers by the department, informing them as to whether the seed is safe for planting.

"There is plenty of good seed in Michigan," declares Dr. G. H. Coons of the college. "The problem before the farmer is simply to find this seed and conserve it for planting purposes."

Our Neighbors

Grass Lake—Burglars succeeded in getting away with \$3,000 worth of merchandise from Foster & Babcock's general store, mostly men's and boy's clothing. They used an autotruck.

Chelsea—A snowy owl was captured by men who chased the bird through five townships before catching it. The species is native of the Arctic regions and is extremely rare south of the circle.

Brighton—The third suicide in two months in this vicinity occurred when Carl Larsen of Genoa township took his life by using a shotgun.

Howell—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fennar did from the effects of coal gas from a

Important News Events of the World Summarized

Washington

Ships with aggregate carrying capacity of 800,000 tons have been designated to be turned over by the army quartermaster department at Washington to the shipping board for return to trade routes.

The German government July 10, 1914, informed about 130 civilian employees at a conference in Berlin that a world war would be started soon, Capt. G. B. Lester of the army intelligence service testified before the senate committees investigating German and brewers' propaganda at Washington. These employees then were dispatched to all parts of the world, 31 coming to the United States to stimulate pan-German propaganda.

Every capital ship of the American navy now in Europe, including the dreadnaught squadrons that have been operating with the British main fleet during the war, will return to home waters this month, Secretary Daniels announced at Washington. They may be expected to reach New York about December 23, and a naval review will take place there to celebrate the homecoming.

A Washington dispatch says that on recommendation of General Pershing, and with approval of President Wilson, Secretary Baker has awarded the distinguished service medal to General March.

Appropriations to provide a navy for the United States by 1925 as large as that of any country was urged by Admiral Badger of the general board of the navy before the house naval committee at Washington. He declared the United States and England together could police the seas. One hundred and fifty German and seven Austrian submarines were sunk in the war prior to August, Admiral Badger told the committee, quoting reports from Admiral Sims. He said that the Germans had built 331 submarines and that the Austrian underwater fleet comprised only 35 craft.

Five to five and a half billion dollars more of bonds will have to be issued to finance the government this year, Secretary McAdoo told the house ways and means committee at Washington. In discussing financial questions, he based this on an estimate of \$18,000,000,000 in expenditures.

Information reaching the state department at Washington indicated that the general strike called in Cuba is a result of I. W. W. and enemy propaganda. The report said order was being maintained.

Warning to the country that the influenza epidemic is by no means ended and that all possible precautions against the disease should be taken was issued by Surgeon General Blue at Washington.

Extension of the time of federal control over railroads to five years or very early return of the properties to their owners was declared necessary by Director General of Railroads McAdoo at Washington.

Charles Piez, vice president and general manager of the Emergency Fleet corporation, is to succeed Charles M. Schwab as director general of the corporation, it was said at headquarters at Washington.

Legislation providing for the colonization and farming of the public lands of America by the millions of soldiers released from the army is strongly urged by Secretary of Labor William B. Wilson. In his annual report to President Wilson made public at Washington.

Foreign

Premier Lloyd George and the other British peace delegates will go to Paris December 22, the Manchester Guardian announces. The inter-allied conferences preliminary to the peace congress proper are not expected to begin until the first week of January.

The directors of the Krupp munition works, according to the Cologne Gazette, have announced their intention to transform the plant into a factory devoted to the arts of peace.

Bonar Law announced at London that it was unlikely he would be re-elected to the exchequer in the next election before parliament.

An Amsterdam dispatch says January 1 has been fixed as a day of general rejoicing in Berlin in honor of the revolution, according to the Zeitung Am Mittag of Berlin. The announcement was issued by the Ebert government.

M. Victoire, a French banker, has been arrested at Paris, according to the police, while preparing to flee to Argentina with \$3,000. His liabilities are said to total \$2,000,000.

The government at London increased the unemployment demobilization donation of men to 29 shillings and women to 25 shillings a week.

"Technically we cannot extradite the former kaiser, but we can demand his surrender," said Lord Robert Cecil, former under secretary for foreign affairs, at London.

Premier Venizelos, who will head the Greek delegation to the peace congress, arrived in Paris. He was accompanied by Foreign Minister Politis.

Reports that King George contemplated a visit to the United States are denied at London.

Dr. W. B. Solf, the minister of foreign affairs, has handed in his resignation and it has been accepted by the cabinet at Berlin.

Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain has sent instructions to have his headquarters in Paris changed. It is now being moved to a villa which is but five minutes' walk from Mr. Wilson's Parisian "White House."

The greatest war fleet assembled by a French port since the war began formed an avenue of steel down which President Wilson and his party on the U. S. S. George Washington passed Friday at Brest.

A Constantinople dispatch says Doctor Rachid, former governor of the province of Diarbekr, and Lieutenants of Gendarmerie Chakri and Haroun have been arrested for their part in the Armenian massacres of 1915 by the Turkish government. Their guilt has been established and sentences of death are expected to follow.

U.S.—Teutonic War News

A London dispatch says thousands of American soldiers in France probably will be given leave to go to England, with their transportation expense being paid to places in the United Kingdom.

General Harries and Lieutenants Gaillard and Schelling of the American commission for the repatriation of war prisoners arrived in Berlin Wednesday night. They had a 25-hour ride from Spa.

A Washington dispatch says six firemen and a water tender were killed and 31 other members of the crew of the U. S. S. Brooklyn were injured in an explosion on the berth deck and in the bunkers of gas from coal dust while the ship was being coaled at Yokohama, Japan, shortly after midday December 9.

An Amsterdam dispatch says that the commander of the American forces in Coblentz has announced that public life there is much as usual and no hampering measures will be taken by the Americans.

European War News

A Paris dispatch says French marines have entered Odessa, Russia, and have received a cordial welcome from the people there, according to the Matin. Detachments have occupied the wireless station and expelled German soldiers from all military posts.

An Amsterdam dispatch says the German government will ask the allied armies to occupy Berlin in case the bolshevik movement continues to grow, Philipp Scheidemann declared in a speech at the capital.

Allied occupation of Petrograd, Kronstadt and Moscow is advocated by Rear Admiral Kemp in a letter to the London Times. He was senior British naval officer in northern Russian waters until November.

"If you want peace, you want a permanent peace," said Premier Lloyd George, in a speech at Bristol. "If you want to prevent the horrors of war being repeated, you must put an end to conscript armies on the continent of Europe."

Domestic

One of the French mine sweepers reported lost in a storm a week ago was seen in Richardson's bay by soldiers of the Middle Prince, which has arrived at East St. Marie, Ont.

STATE NEWS

Port Huron—The Y. M. C. A. has enrolled 330 new members as the result of a membership drive here.

Reed City—Fred Bilbrough, of Hersey, is one of the marines in President Wilson's bodyguard during the visit to Europe.

Detroit—Her dress catching fire from matches with which she was playing, 3-year-old Stella Mastyk, was recently burned to death.

Lansing—Through various free employment offices of the state positions were found for 9,027 men and 388 women during November.

Rogers City—A movement is on foot to "junk" the names of Bismark and Moltke, which have been bestowed upon townships of Presque Isle.

Ovid—While Mrs. John Austin lay dead, an influenza victim, an oil heater exploded in the upper part of the dwelling, which was almost completely destroyed.

Kalkaska—Harvey Potter, trapper, paid a fine of \$80 for killing a deer out of season. A deputy warden tracked Potter two miles, confiscating deer and weapons.

Charlotte—Without notice to their patrons, the Consumers' Power Co. increased rates for electric current, the new schedule having become effective November 1.

Charlotte—Mrs. A. Mosher, of Dismondale, has been notified that her nephew, Howard Diehl, lost a leg while fighting in France. Another nephew, Leslie Harris, was killed in action.

Jonesville—Trap shooting which has been enjoyed for many years by crack shots of Hillsdale, Jackson, Branch and Calhoun Counties on the grounds of the Jonesville Rod and Gun Club, has been abandoned.

Port Huron—The tug Walter F. Pringle has been chartered by the Diamond Crystal Salt company, St. Clair, to keep a channel open between St. Clair and Courtwright, when the ice begins to form in St. Clair river.

Washington—The supreme court affirmed judgment of the Michigan supreme court in upholding the conviction of Harvey Watters for violating the city ordinance of munising relating to peddling and soliciting of orders.

Intiac—Arthur Ladd, teller of the American Savings Bank, claims that when he cashed a check for \$640 for John Paulus, employed in a local factory, he handed Paulus a package of \$1,000, thinking it was \$500. Paulus says he received only \$640 and not \$1,140.

Battle Creek—Eli John, a Serbian, was induced by two men posing as Red Cross solicitors, to place \$750 and a Liberty Bond in a suitcase which they showed him well filled with cash. He was permitted to take charge of the suitcase and later found it packed with wrapping paper.

Manistee—The first death among the Manistee soldiers in Siberia has been reported here. Private Stanley Thomas is dead of wounds received fighting with the bolsheviks, according to a war department message to his mother here. He was attached to the One Hundred Twenty-sixth Infantry of the Eighty-fifth division.

Hillsdale—Colon Olmstead, 17-year-old son of Irving Olmstead, residing near Frontier, Hillsdale county, was killed while hunting rabbits with his cousin, Ernest Brige, of Williams county, Ohio. In attempting to climb over a wire fence Olmstead caught his gun and the contents of both barrels entered the back of his head.

Lansing—Recent delays and failure to receive allotments and allowance checks from the war risk insurance bureau are attributed to the influenza epidemic in Washington. There is an office force of 13,000 employed by the bureau and it has been so seriously depleted by the epidemic that the machinery in that department is badly clogged.

Saginaw—Announcement from the Chicago federal reserve district gives Saginaw first place in the fourth Liberty loan drive for cities of 50,000 population and over. This city subscribed 157.06 per cent of its quota and led cities in Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa. Grand Rapids was fourth with 117.34 and Detroit and Wayne county subscribed 110.84 per cent.

Lansing—Grain alcohol worth \$7,200, extracted from liquor seized by state authorities, has just been received by Fred L. Woodworth, food and drug commissioner, from the distillation plant in Grand Rapids. The alcohol has been turned over to the Board of State Auditors and will be distributed among hospitals and other institutions of the state where it is needed for medicinal purposes.

Grand Rapids—The population of Grand Rapids is 145,572, compared with 145,124 last year, according to the 1918 city directory.

Port Huron—A. L. Chamberlain, president of the Michigan Bean company, has been named as bean inspector at this port.

Bay City—The Northwestern Glass Co., a corporation of Saginaw, has filed a petition in bankruptcy scheduling liabilities of \$120,852.73 and assets of \$106,085.76.

Port Huron—Milk producers and distributors have appealed to the milk commission to raise the price of milk to the consumer. Increase in feed costs is given as the reason.

Royal Oak—The board of education of Royal Oak township recently established a minimum wage for teachers of \$75 a month. Several members of the staff will enjoy an increase.

Menominee—The Cleveland Cliffs Iron company of Ishpeming has a well-equipped hospital at Yale Spur, near Munising, for the care of influenza patients among the men employed in the woods.

Jackson—George Bunker is in a critical condition at the W. A. Foote Memorial Hospital suffering from a dozen knife wounds alleged to have been inflicted by Mike Scully, who is sought by the police.

Flint—An increase from \$1 to \$1.10 per 1,000 cubic feet for gas has been granted the Michigan Light Co., by the council following a report submitted by Prof. H. E. Riggs, of the U. of M. who was retained by the city as an expert.

Charlotte—Apparently seeking revenge because he had been committed to the Kalamazoo State Hospital, James Dupue shot his son Milton through the shoulder and then turned the weapon on himself at their home in Eaton Township.

Gladwin—Frank Dow, a farmer about 50 years old living at Pratt's Lake, was found dead in the woods December 11 with a gunshot wound in his neck. He had gone rabbit hunting and it is thought his gun was accidentally discharged.

Bay City—When arraigned on a charge of having failed to register for the draft, Charles Caves maintained that he was a "child of God" and did not believe in "man-made laws." He and his brother were sent to the Detroit House of Correction for 10 months.

Battle Creek—Notice has been served on the Michigan Railway Company to abandon the skip stop plan adopted here as a fuel saving plan. No action has been taken toward reducing the fare from six to five cents. The city commission can order a reduction in the fare at any time.

Muskegon—George Wheaton, chief of the Chippewa Indians, who claims a right to hunt in Michigan without a state license under the terms of treaties between his tribe and the United States, was convicted for a second time in circuit court. The case will be taken to the supreme court.

Lansing—The state of Michigan holds \$5,000 worth of rebate slips given by the South Shore and Atlantic Railway while charging 3 cents a mile after passage of the 2-cent fare law. The state will, therefore, be \$5,000 richer if the decision of the court is favorable to the commonwealth.

Pontiac—Pontiac schools are again over-crowded and school board members are considering the need of two new schools or of adding to the present structures. The high school built a few years ago and extended last year, has 60 more pupils than its capacity of 1,200. There is an increase of 439 in enrollment.

East Lansing—The Michigan Agricultural college will aid the state in "after the war" reconstruction, President F. S. Kedzie has announced. One feature of the college's contribution will be a series of "capsule" courses at the institution in such subjects as agriculture, horticulture, dairying, gardening and poultry keeping.

Battle Creek—At the request of the Woman's League the city of Battle Creek will attempt to re-establish the curfew law. It is claimed many young girls are coming downtown, attracted by Camp Custer soldiers. But the police say that when they do take youngsters home they are usually abused by their parents, who say they gave their children permission to go down town.

Lansing—Food Administrator Prescott promulgated a notice to all keepers of public eating places in the state that the original rules regarding the serving of certain foods are still in force with the sole exception of those applying to sugars. The rules on meat, cheese, bread and butter still go. Reports to the state administrator indicate that the rules are being violated. Apparently many restaurant keepers have misunderstood the new rulings.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 22

THE BIRTH OF JESUS.

LESSON TEXT—Luke 2:1-20. GOLDEN TEXT—For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour who is Christ the Lord.—Luke 2:11.

Note: Since the lesson committee has suggested the birth of Jesus, a Christmas lesson, as an alternative for this day, doubtless for most classes it will be desirable to use the Christmas lesson and substitute the alternative lesson for the review on December 20.

The birth of the Saviour occurred at a most propitious time. The need was great, for the systems of morals and religion were tottering upon their foundations. It was also a time of great opportunity, for the whole world was under one rule, making it possible for evangelists to go from city to city and country to country without fear or molestation. The place of his birth was Bethlehem, as the prophet had foretold some seven hundred years before (Micah 5:2). God permitted the emperor to enforce a decree of taxation just at the time to cause Mary to be at Bethlehem when she gave birth to the Saviour. That which the Word of God has announced shall most surely come to pass, though its fulfillment seem most unlikely and unreasonable. The surroundings of his birth were the most humble sort. The Almighty Creator condescended to take upon himself humanity—to be born in a manger, becoming the poorest of the poor that none might be hindered from coming to him.

I. The Saviour's Birth Announced (2:1-14).

1. To Whom—Shepherds (v. 8). In the first Christmas service the audience was composed of humble shepherds. The glorious gospel message was first sounded forth to these humble men while watching over their flocks by night. Poverty is no barrier to the reception of the gospel message. God does not reveal himself mainly to the princes and great men of the earth. "Hath not God chosen the poor of this world, rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom?" (James 2:5). Neither did their devotion to their calling exclude them from this greatest favor of God. Moses, Gideon, Amos and Elisha were called by the Lord from the busy activities of life. He never calls the idle. The Lord has no use for a lazy man. The working man is God's peculiar interest.

2. By Whom—The Angel of the Lord (v. 9). The first gospel sermon was delivered by the angel of the Lord. Angels, the exalted ministers of God are interested in men (Hebrews 1:14), and this one announced unto men God's plan of salvation. These beings no doubt sincerely sympathized with poor, sin-cursed, fallen men.

3. The Message—Good Tidings (v. 10). (1) A Saviour is born. Surely this was a glad message. Heathen darkness which had so long cursed the earth was beginning to vanish. The casting out of Satan, the prince of the world, was about to take place (John 12:31). Liberty was about to be proclaimed to those in bondage to sin. The way of salvation was about to be opened to all. So glorious was this news that a multitude of the heavenly host accompanied this announcement with their song of praise. It is through Jesus Christ that God's kindness and good will are made known to man. (2) Peace (v. 14). Peace with God—peace of heart—peace with man. How incongruous this message with our time! The world war was the result of not receiving this blessed message. (3) Joy (v. 10). The gospel message is a joyful message because it frees from sin and removes all the burdens of this world.

II. The Shepherds Make Investigation (2:15, 16).

Though these things seemed peculiarly strange to them they did not stop to question or argue; they went straight to Bethlehem and found everything just as the angels had said. They had the glorious privilege of gazing upon the world's Saviour—the very Lord of glory.

III. The Shepherds Witnessing (2:17).

When they saw the Lord they could not remain silent. They were impelled to make known abroad the good news. Those who have heard the good news of salvation through Christ and have verified it by personal investigation must tell it to others. The angels said that the good tidings of great joy should be to all people (v. 10). The gospel of Christ is for all people regardless of nationality or condition. It is just as readily good news to the king as to the peasant. It is the message of life to all.

BRIDE of BATTLE

A Romance of the American Army
Fighting on the Battlefields of France

By VICTOR ROUSSEAU

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CHAPTER XV—Continued.

And with the blow all his strength returned, all his energy and zest for battle. He forgot everything. Waving his sword, he hurled himself into the attacking ranks. They gave, and with a cheer the defenders swept on into the main street, Mark leading them.

How he fought that day he never knew; long afterward he would see visions of it in sleep, and battle pictures that forever eluded his waking consciousness. Round the little village from unexpected places, hideous death traps caught the unwary and venturesome, sometimes a street was filled with a jostling mob, too packed to use their steel, tearing at one another with fists and teeth. There was no order, and the command fell to him who lags, the key to the day's fortunes, the tide ebbed and flowed. Company after company came up on either side. Now advancing, now driven back, the Americans fought from street to street and back again. Machine guns opened fire seized it. Through all that nightmare Mark fought at the head of his company, looking like a madman, as they said of him afterward. When he came to himself at last he found himself, unwounded, save for his bleeding arm, from which the bandage had long since fallen, and in command of a battalion.

They had driven the Germans from the last house of the village. The delay had saved the day. The reserves had come pouring in. On the ridge beyond the enemy was marshaling for a last counter-attack.

Mark looked about him. Lieutenants, captains who should have commanded companies, mingled with privates and noncoms, were following, as if hypnotized, this middle-aged private with the red cross on his arm. As Mark looked his heart swelled with the consciousness and pride of leadership. And, at his glance, a roar went up that was caught up from man to man and sent echoing into the distance.

And Mark was swept away with unconquerable enthusiasm. It was his day, the day of which every soldier dreams.

"Come along, boys! Break them up!" he shouted, and ran forward.

With one resounding cheer the lines swept after him. A ripple of machine-gun fire caught them, but could not hold them. Over the fallen they pressed on, cries of triumph upon their lips, the faces, set above the gleaming bayonets, animated by a single purpose. And now they were upon them.

Mark fought in the bloody swirl. Blades thrust at him, bullets tore his tattered uniform. Once he was down, and he saw a giant rush at him with clubbed rifle. He raised his arm, he tried to drive with his sword, lunged and missed. Then the uplifted rifle fell harmlessly beside him, and the giant fell forward, dead, over him, pinning him to the ground, and covering him with his blood. A bayonet thrust had passed clean through his body.

And, looking up bewildered, Mark thought he saw Hartley's face look into his own.

Next moment Mark was on his feet again, and Hartley had vanished. But already the last tussle was over. The Germans broke and fled.

Mark stood still, gasping. The men were crowding all about him, waving their helmets on bayonet points, cheering him, shaking his hand. Across the field two mounted men were riding. They came up to the ridge, and one, a white-haired old officer, leaped to the ground and swung Mark's hand.

"My thanks—our country's thanks to you," he cried. "What is your name?"

Mark looked and saw the General's insignia upon the officer's shoulder-straps.

"Weston," he answered.

And suddenly he remembered Eleanor, and, ashamed and humiliated, and yet strangely elevated, he began to push his way back through the crowd.

He turned into the street of the jail. Dead bodies lay everywhere, and already some of the ambulance men were scooping the wounded. Broken guns, rifles, haversacks, all the paraphernalia of battle strewed the streets. The scene of the jail-came into view. The mob, snatching above it, indicated, to Mark's astonishment, that hours had passed, and that it was afternoon. Mark suddenly sick, he trembled, and with his last reserves of strength he staggered forward.

Then he saw Colonel Howard with his hand on the wall, and Eleanor leaning against his hip, holding a water-bottle to his lips. She turned, saw him, and ran to him, telling the crowd about his back and pointing the way to the main street.

CHAPTER XVI.

Even as he kissed her in return he saw the startled glance that she cast behind her, and, following it with his eyes, he saw a tall figure in uniform emerge from the recesses of the office; and again he stood face to face with Kellerman.

Eleanor released him and stood, still clinging to him, at his side, her hand drawn through his arm. The contrast between the two men was extraordinary. Kellerman looked as if he had just stepped into his uniform; his gloved hands, his adjusted belt, the creases in his tunic were those of the fashion-plate. Looking at Mark, he saw a dirty, grimed, almost unrecognizable figure, with uniform that hung about him in great tatters, blotched and stained with blood.

"You said he would not come back!" cried Eleanor. "You see he has come back. What have you to say more?"

"You misunderstood me, Eleanor—"

"I understand you now for the first time in my life. I liked you, Major Kellerman. I trusted you and I believed in you. When you told me that you were working to get Captain Wallace his recognition I was glad, and proud of you both, and happy. What did you do?"

"What did he do?" cried Kellerman furiously. "Why should you believe evil things of me, because he said them—"

"He never spoke one word against you!"

"When the decision has already been made by an impartial court, anxious to clear a soldier's character, if that were possible?"

"Because I have a woman's instinct, Major Kellerman."

"Enough of this," interposed Mark. "What are you doing here, sir?"

He snapped the last word out in irony so bitter that Kellerman winced.

"So you've cheated the firing party, Private Weston!" he said, with his habitual sneer.

"O, call me Mark while you're about it," answered Wallace. "Or please remember that I am no longer under your command, nor a soldier in the American army. Technically I am a dead man, Major Kellerman, and dead men—"

"Tell no tales, eh?" responded Kellerman savagely. "Well, here we stand man to man, and the conditions warrant plain speaking. It is not my business to place you under arrest. But, if I do so, you are aware that your life will be worth about five minutes' purchase. So go, Mr. Weston, or Wallace, or whatever you call yourself now. Go—if Miss Eleanor here says the one word that will set you free. Go—and in this confusion you will have a reasonable chance to escape, with those ready wits of yours."

"The one word?" Eleanor gasped.

"The one word 'yes,'" responded Kellerman.

"I will never become your wife, Major Kellerman."

"So you told me the other day, after leading me to suppose that it was your intention," answered Kellerman easily. "Stop, Mr. Weston, if you please, and let me finish. War doesn't leave much sentimentality in a man. We know what life is worth, and we know that life's a matter of bargaining. When we were in America I might have accepted my dismissal, Eleanor. But here we three stand under the naked heaven, like ants on a hill. All artificial distinctions have fallen away. I've loved you for many months, Eleanor, and I want to marry you. That's the bald truth of it. In order to persuade you, I am willing to let this gentleman escape—to facilitate his escape, even to make our marriage dependent on my success. That's fair, isn't it? And, what have you against me? Is it my fault that he was court-martialed and sentenced to death for striking an officer?"

The man's effrontery took Mark's breath away.

"My answer," responded Eleanor steadily, "is 'no.' And even if you could send him to his death it would still be 'no.' Because he himself would wish that. But you can't harm him. Something convinces me that all the harm that has come to him has come from you. And it tells me, too, that your power has ended. 'No,' is my answer."

"And yours, Mr. Weston?" asked Kellerman, looking at Mark.

Mark, unable to reply, pointed toward the opening of the recess. Kellerman turned and strode toward it. Then he turned.

"There's one thing more to say," he said. "Your action in dismissing me, Miss Eleanor, affects the possibility of my escape. Your life has been sacrificed to his."

one, with a certain high-strung idealism in it, due to the circumstances of your upbringing. It was that, I believe, which made you think it your duty to follow your adopted father's unit to the front. I think you ought to know who you are. Your father died on the battlefield of Santiago. He was a fugitive from justice. He was the notorious Hampton."

Mark uttered a cry. He sprang toward Kellerman, but Kellerman dealt him a blow that sent him stumbling among the bricks.

"That's a lie, Kellerman!" said Colonel Howard quietly.

The old Colonel's eyes were wide open. He laid his hands laboriously upon the edge of the brick wall and, with a great effort, raised himself to his feet.

"That's a lie," he repeated.

"It is no lie, Colonel Howard. You told the whole story to Captain Wallace in the hospital tent. Never mind how I know. I know."

"You damned, dirty spy!" said the old Colonel.

"A confession," answered Kellerman blandly. "Your words were strong ones, Colonel Howard. Deny them if you can. You said, 'A thousand years of hell wouldn't atone for that crime.' You said 'it was calculated, cold-blooded deliberation.' You said, 'The case against Hampton was absolutely proven. He was to have been hanged as soon as we captured Santiago. He was born rotten. He sold his country to pay his gambling debts.' And you called him by the worst name one man can call another. That was why you tried to persuade Mark Wallace not to adopt Hampton's child. Like father, like daughter."

He swung round upon Eleanor, and for the first time seemed to lose his self-control.

"That's who you are!" he cried. "The child of a wretched traitor, who worked in the war department with Colonel"



Swept on into the Main Street, Mark Leading Them.

Howard and me, a man without honor, entangled with a wretched woman spy, who sold our secrets. And that man—your adopted father, whom you love and revere, spied on him in turn, watched him, read his letters, went through his pockets, snared him, trapped him, brought him to his death—and adopted you."

Eleanor staggered toward the Colonel, her arms raised imploringly, and cried in a choking voice:

"Say it's untrue! Only say that it's untrue!"

"It's a damned lie," said the Colonel; but there was not the least conviction in his voice.

"Tell me the truth!"

"It's true, then—it's more or less true," said Howard wearily.

"It's not true!" shouted Mark. "Remember, Colonel, the man's face had been practically blown away. How do we know that it was Hampton who was with the child? It might have been another. We don't know for sure, and we can't know. I've never believed it. I wouldn't ever dare to let myself believe it."

"You found his papers," said Kellerman.

Nobody answered him. Eleanor went up to Mark and raised her white face

to his. "Tell me what you think, Captain Mark," she pleaded.

And once more Mark was mute. She read his face as if by inches. She turned toward Kellerman. "Now will you go?" she asked.

Kellerman saluted her with mock formality. "I'll go," he said, "but he's spent his chance. A spy's daughter and a spy's—"

The ambulance bearers appeared at the entrance to the recess. They bore a stretcher. Propped up in it, swathed in a bloody clout of bandages, was Hartley.

"There he is!" he cried, pointing his hand in triumph. "I knew he'd come this way. He's here, sir!" he cried to some one outside the office.

The stretcher bearers set down their burden on a ledge of the wall. Into the little place strode the General.

His appearance there exercised a paralyzing effect upon them all. Kellerman was the first to recover his self-possession. He saluted stiffly.

"This man," he said, pointing to Mark, "is the prisoner who was to have been executed this morning."

The General, without a word, strode toward Mark and clasped him by the hand.

Kellerman gulped and moved toward the entrance for the last time. The General turned.

"Halt, sir!" he commanded. "Colonel Howard, will you have the goodness to go to the man on the—why, I beg your pardon, Colonel! Not badly hurt?"

"Nothing much, sir," answered the Colonel, attempting to make the passage.

The General gave him his arm and assisted him, and, when he stood still, placed one arm about him to steady him.

"Do you recognize that man?" he asked.

The Colonel stiffened; Kellerman fell back against the wall.

"As I'm a living man," cried Colonel Howard, "it's Hampton!"

CHAPTER XVII.

Hartley sat up on the stretcher and fixed his eyes on Howard's face. It was evident that he was desperately wounded. One of the orderlies knelt beside him and held him.

"This man," said the General, chewing at his mustache in emotion which he could not altogether hide, "was once an officer in the service of our country. He was engaged in confidential work in the war department. He was accused of espionage—unjustly accused."

With a low cry Eleanor rushed forward and knelt beside the stricken man; she placed her arms about him and drew his head down upon her shoulder, looking piteously into the weary eyes. Hampton raised her hand to his lips and kissed it.

"Unjustly accused," repeated the General. "Major Kellerman, stand to attention, sir! You shall be heard later. He was the victim of the System, which was even then laying its plans in Washington. He was the victim of a woman named Morshelm—Hilda Morshelm, whose activities were well known, though we could then do nothing to counteract them. She made a specialty of luring young officers into gambling dens, winning large sums from them, and thus leading them down the slope toward disgrace and death.

"She had a confederate who was highly placed in the war department. When, by their united efforts, they failed to make a traitor of Captain Hampton, they compassed his ruin. How they did so I need not describe now. The facts are of record; it is enough to say that they succeeded. Hampton was driven into exile; but they were not satisfied with that. They broke his career, they drove him from the company of all decent men. But that was not enough. They broke his wife's heart; she died. They made his name one of execration. Still they were not satisfied. With devilish ingenuity they sought to cover their tracks by making it appear that Hampton was still carrying on his trade, still selling government secrets. You see why, Colonel?" he continued, turning to Howard. "Because they themselves were continuing their vile work, and the new leakages had to be accounted for."

Kellerman, ghastly white, leaned against the brick wall; he was fumbling nervously in his tunic pocket.

"I suppose, sir, that you are accusing—" he began.

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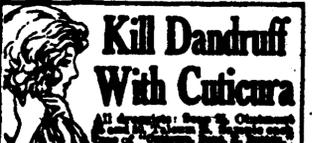
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NORMAN REASON,
 Township Treasurer.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, the Probate Court for the County of Livingston. At a session of said Court, held at the probate office in the city of Howell in said county, on the 14th day of November, A. D. 1918.
 Present: Hon. Eugene A. Stowe, Judge of Probate. In the presence of the estate of ANN GILLES
 Valeriah Packer, her executor, being duly sworn, that an instrument filed in said court and admitted to probate is the last will and testament of said deceased and that administration of said estate be granted to him or some other suitable person.
 It is ordered, that the 14th day of December, A. D. 1918, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said court, be and is hereby appointed for the hearing and filing of a copy of this order. Said order for three successive weeks previous to the day of hearing, in the Pinckney Dispatch, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county. EUGENE A. STOWE, Judge of Probate.

CHRISTMAS DINNER MENU ON CONSERVATION ORDER

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In response to many requests received for a Christmas dinner menu in keeping with food conservation for world relief, the United States Food Administration suggests the following for a family of five or six persons:

- Roast Turkey, Chicken, Duck, Goose or Game (if the State Law permits), with Bread Dressing (left-over dried bread) or Oriental Stuffing
- Mashed Potatoes
- Mashed Turnip Baked Tomatoes (Home canned)
- Cranberry Sauce
- Lettuce or Fruit Salad
- Pumpkin Pie or Steamed Pudding

In suggesting a universal Christmas dinner menu it is realized by the Food Administration that a shortage or over-supply of poultry, game or vegetables in certain localities would materially change the menu. Use of local products is advocated so as to lessen the tax on rail transportation. Advice received by the Food Administration from all parts of the United States indicate that the turkey supply for Christmas will be good. This also applies to chickens, ducks and geese. Recipes in connection with the suggested Christmas dinner menu are as follows:

ORIENTAL STUFFING.

- 1/4 tablespoon fat
- 1 cup rice
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup nuts (use locally grown nuts)
- Liver of the fowl
- Salt and Pepper to taste

Cook the rice and mix well the seedless raisins, the nuts and the chopped liver of the turkey together with the fat, season to taste, and stuff the fowl with it.

CRANBERRY SAUCE

- 1 quart cranberries
- 1 pint water
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup sugar

Boil the syrup, sugar and water for five minutes, skin if necessary. Add the berries and cook without stirring until all the skins break.

PUMPKIN PIE FILLING

- 2 cans pumpkin (cooked and strained)
- 1/2 cup molasses or sorghum
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups milk

Mix pumpkin with molasses and seasoning. Add beaten eggs and milk. Bake in a pastry-lined pie plate until firm.

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F. G. Jackson and son Harry were in town Tuesday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Will Darrow Jr Dec. 13th, a daughter.

Mesdames Orvina Placeway and Anna Francis were Howell visitors Monday.

Dr. Lester Swatthout spent the weekend at Jackson.

F. E. Moran of Grand Rapids visited relatives here the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Lynch spent Monday at Jackson.

R. J. Freys of Detroit spent the first of the week at J. Jeffrey's.

Sgt. Geo. Gardner visited relatives here the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Doyle are spending their vacation at Belleville.

Mrs. P. Kennedy spent the past week at Detroit.

W. C. Dunning transacted business in Howell Monday.

M. J. Reason was in Jackson the first of the week.

S. H. Carr of Howell is spending a few days at home.

Wm. Steptoe of Webster transacted business in Pinckney last Monday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Ingersoll Saturday, Dec. 14, a daughter.

Percy Mowers of the Ann Arbor S. A. T. C. was home Friday.

Mrs. D. Grievess is visiting relatives at Gregory.

Miss Stella McMahon of Flint is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Frank Shackleton, formerly of near Pinckney, died at her home near Howell of the influenza last Tuesday.

Mrs. Arthur Allyn and daughters of Gregory are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Williston.

Mesdames Geo. Pearson, Wm. Curlett, Mrs. M. Lavey and Miss Alice Hoff spent Thursday at Howell.

Mrs. Jones of Lansing is assisting in the Bank curing the illness of E. G. Lambertson.

Miss Margaret Dunning of North Hamburg spent the week end with Mrs. Emil Lambertson.

Rev. and Mrs. Sutherland and daughter Bernice, Mrs. E. Frost and Rev. Huriburt were Ann Arbor visitors Monday.

The regular meeting of the O. E. S which was to be held Friday evening will be postponed on notice.

Miss Hilda Hudson, formerly of Pinckney, died at Jackson Monday. The funeral was held at Paulding, Mich. Wednesday.

Mrs. Myron Dunning and the Misses Norma Curlett, Jessie Green, Thelma Campbell and Florence Beyer spent Wednesday at Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lavey have received a cablegram from their son Leigho dated at Yematska, Russia, wishing them a Merry Christmas. He says he is well and feeling fine. He is with our troops, who are fighting the Bolsheviks.

The committee appointed to solicit renewals of membership in the Red Cross are so busy so kindly smile when they see them and have your money ready in readiness and do not think of yourselves they are asking your aid but for "Our Boys" remember there who are obliged to give up their lives and friends and "wait" until the clouds roll by".
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Will take eggs 6 days each week. Poultry and Veal Wednesday morning. Highest price paid at all times.

JOHN C. DINKEL.

Glasgow Brothers

Noted for Selling Good Goods Cheap
129 to 135 East Main St. JACKSON, MICH.

Only Eight More Shopping Days Before Christmas

And how much more of your Christmas shopping have you done?

This store is ready to help you tomorrow. We have been preparing for your coming.

There is an assurance—which one liked most to have about gifts of quality and desirability in every article offered here. The prices are modest.

We have a large assortment of Christmas Blouses, in light colors including suit shades. Come in and select your blouse now. They come in Crepe de Chene and Georgette.

The Flu in the County

On account of influenza in some districts it seems necessary to postpone the final contest to be held at Howell December 20. This will be a great disappointment to many teachers and their children. The most important contest, however, is the local contest. It is hoped that Red Cross speeches will be written in every school in session and that the local contest will be held as planned. It is expected that these speeches will arouse much enthusiasm for the Red Cross and that these contests will do much toward securing 100 per cent enrollment for seniors as well as Juniors. All loyal Americans should enroll this week.
Hugh G. Aldrich
County Chairman Chapter
School Committee

Many cases of the flu are reported in Livingston county during the past two weeks. Howell, particularly is suffering from the plague, several deaths having occurred and it is reported that several cases of diphtheria have developed in the Livingston metropolis, which adds greatly to the apprehension of the citizens there. Pinckney, which has thus far escaped with a remarkably small number of flu cases is getting her share of cases, none of whom are in serious condition and the new rule quarantining each case makes it safe to be abroad in the village.

NOTICE

Cash and highest price paid for eggs and poultry delivered at the poultry plant. Will take in eggs six days of the week and poultry on Wednesdays. Soliciting your patronage,

E. FARNAM

Our Part in Feeding the Nation

(Special Information Service United States Department of Agriculture.)

MORE CENTRAL BODIES OF FARMERS URGED.



Members of a County Farm Bureau Discussing Seed Corn With the County Agent.

PLAN FOR MORE CENTRAL BODIES

One of Country's Needs, Says Secretary of Agriculture in Recent Statement.

ST ENGTEN FARM BUREAUS

War-Proved Power of Organizations That Plan Farm Work in Communities—More Than a Million Members Enrolled.

One of the points of strength in America's agricultural organization has been found during the war to be central organizations of farmers to plan and develop the best methods of farming for their region.

As one thing that seems clear, the secretary noted the need of perfecting the organization of agricultural agencies for the purpose of intelligently executing such a program as may seem wise.

"We should not only have the best possible organization and co-operation of the department of agriculture, the agricultural colleges, the state departments of agriculture and farmers' associations," said the secretary, "but we should especially strengthen the local farm bureaus and other organizations which support so effectively the extension forces and assist them in their activities.

Supporting County Agent Work. The county organizations, known as county councils, county bureaus of agriculture, or farm bureaus, often employ a county and a home demonstration agent and aid them in their work.

In the South. In the South special emphasis is laid upon community organizations of farmers. These are increasing rapidly and involve the work among men, women and children.

With the war over more food than ever will be required to feed the added millions of mouths that have come under our protection.

Potatoes are likely to be a staple crop for some time to come.

alike, and acting as a clearing house for every other association interested in work with rural people. Its primary purposes are:

- (1) To bring to the agent the counsel and advice of the best farmers in the county as to what ought to be done and how to do it.
(2) To provide an organization for easily and quickly reaching every community in the county with information of value to that community or to the county as a whole.
(3) To provide a plan for organized self-help, enlisting the co-operation of all farmers interested in carrying out a county agricultural program of work.

Membership is open to all residents of the county directly interested in agriculture, men and women alike. A small membership fee (usually \$1) is charged.

How to Organize. Farmers interested in organizing county central bodies to work for better agriculture may obtain plans and other information from their state extension director at the state agricultural college, or from the state relations service, United States department of agriculture.

Finding Good Ground Water. Good ground water is the ideal supply for farms, according to Farmers' Bulletin 941, "Water Systems for Farm Homes," recently issued by the United States department of agriculture.

Any farmer about to put down a deep or expensive well, and who is uncertain of the depth and the quantity or quality of the water likely to be encountered, should describe fully the location and conditions of his project to national or state geological authorities and ask for advice.

Regarding the use of a forked willow, hazel, or peach stick for locating underground water, it can be said safely the method is without merit.

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FOES SEEK TO HALT ALLIES ALONG RHINE

GERMANS ARE TAKEN ALL POSSIBLE MEASURES TO HAVE ALLIES HALTED EAST OF RHINE.

ALLIES MAY OCCUPY MUNICH

At Behest of Entente We Disarmed Ourselves and Are Ready to Take Our Consequences Says Philip Scheidemann.

Amsterdam.—Herr Kuckhoff, writing in the Koelnische Volkszeitung, protests against "illegal and arbitrary action" of the Ebert government in making impossible assembling of the reichstag, which he says has not been dissolved.

The Berliner Tageblatt Says. "All possible measures must be taken to prevent Foch's armies marching into Germany east of the Rhine. The reichstag is the only assembly with mandate to speak in the name of the people."

Scheidemann Takes Blame. Copenhagen.—"At behest of the Entente, we disarmed ourselves and we are ready to take the consequences," Philip Scheidemann, German majority socialist leader, declared in an interview with the Berlin correspondent of the Berlinische Tidende.

"Therefore, I say the political situation in German is improving. If some 50 persons were arrested, probably the whole Spartacus movement would be suppressed. The new government, however, will not use violence, although eventually we will have to disarm supporters of the Spartacus extremists."

MURDER MYSTERY AT MUSKEGON

Accused Man Says John Sheldon Married Welch Girl Under His Name.

Muskegon.—That a mysterious John S. Sheldon married Frieda Weichman, the girl Milo H. Piper is charged with having murdered, but under Piper's name and that Sheldon must have slain the girl, if the identification of her relatives holds good is the statement made by Piper, brought from Hamilton, Ont., to the county jail.

Piper had hardly arrived at the jail before he was followed by his wife, their son Milton, and his mother, Mrs. W. H. Piper, all of whom were allowed to visit him before he was committed to the solitary confinement cell.

PORTUGAL PRESIDENT KILLED

Crowd Lynchs Slayer Who Shot Three Bullets At Nation Head.

London.—Dr. Cidoro Paes, president of Portugal, was shot and killed by an assassin while in a railway station in Lisbon waiting for a train to Oporto.

President Paes died within a few minutes after he was shot. The president's assailant, named Jettne, was killed by the crowd.

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AND HE LEFT THE DOLLAR

Jenkins Evidently Had No Immediate Necessity for Any of That Famous Liquid Glue.

Jenkins, who had gone to the store that sold everything, happened to notice, while the assistant was serving him, a dollar lying on the floor near by his foot—a whole round, silver dollar.

Quivering with excitement and glancing cautiously round to see that no one was watching him, he dropped—quite accidentally, of course—one of his gloves on top of the coin. Then, bending, he proceeded to pick up his glove; but the dollar did not accompany it.

Then, just as he was contemplating the wisdom of a third endeavor, a salesman came up to him and said: "Good evening, sir! May I be allowed to show you a bottle of our famous liquid glue? As, no doubt, you are aware, its sticking powers—"

Important to Mothers. Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, that famous old remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Fletchere In Use for Over 30 Years. Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria.

Accounting for It. "His wife made a man of him." "Maybe that is why he is seeing so much of the seamy side."

Necessity is the ballast in our life voyage.—Ralph Parlette.



Women all over the world realize more and more that their work at home helped the men at the front. It involved great sacrifices, hard work and unusual physical strength. Women at home should study nursing for the home. A good way to learn is to ask your druggist for a copy or send 50c to publisher of the "Medical Adviser," 603 Ma'n St., Buffalo, N. Y., and get a copy of their 1,000 page book bound in cloth, with chapters on First Aid, Taking Care of the Sick or Wounded, Physiology, Hygiene, Anatomy, Sex Problems, Mother and Babe.

Jackson, Mich.—"When I was a girl my mother gave me Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. I was sick one entire winter; I caught cold and was very poorly. Two bottles of 'Favorite Prescription' cured me. I began to gain in weight, my strength came back and I felt fine. It is a splendid medicine. I can recommend it very highly."—Mrs. W. H. Savage, 509 N. Waterloo Ave.

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HAARLEM OIL CAPSULES IF YOUR BACK ACHES

Do you feel tired and "worn-out"? Are you nervous and irritable? Don't sleep well at night? Have a "dragged out," unrested feeling when you get up in the morning? Dizzy spells? Bilious? Bad taste in the mouth, backache, pain or soreness in the loins, and abdomen? Severe distress when urinating, bloody, cloudy urine or sediment? All these indicate gravel or stone in the bladder, or that the poisonous microbes, which are always in your system, have attacked your kidneys.

Don't ignore the "little pains and aches," especially backaches. They may be little now but there is no telling how soon a dangerous or fatal disease of which they are the forerunners may show itself. Go after the cause of that backache at once, or you may find yourself in the grip of an incurable disease.



Canada made me Prosperous. —that's what thousands of farmers say, who have gone from the U. S. to settle on homesteads or buy land in Western Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta is especially attractive. She wants farmers to make money and happy, prosperous homes for themselves by helping her raise immense wheat crops to feed the world. You Can Get a Homestead of 160 Acres Free or other lands at very low prices. Where you can buy good farm land at \$15 to \$20 per acre that will raise 20 to 45 bushels of \$3 wheat to the acre—it's easy to become prosperous. Canadian farmers also grow wonderful crops of Oats, Barley and Wm. Mixed Farming is fully as profitable an industry as grain raising. The excellent grasses, full of nutrition, are the only food required either for beef or dairy purposes. Good schools and churches; markets convenient; climate excellent. Write for literature and particulars as to reduced railway rates to Supt. of Immigration, Ottawa, Canada, or to M. V. MacINNIS 176 Jefferson Ave., Detroit, Mich. Canadian Government Agent.

Nonessentials. "I hope you don't mind, governor, my bringing home my pal from the front. We are both on a furlough together." "No, son. But where's he from, what's his religion, his college, and his family?" "You ask him, pop. We've been so busy fighting Frits I never had time to find out."—Judge.

Mean Man, Biffkins. Biffkins was looking through the evening paper, and suddenly came upon an item that surprised him. "Well, well!" he ejaculated, "that's queer!" "What is it?" asked his wife, full of curiosity. "They've headed those few lines 'Woman's Talk,'" gasped Biffkins. "Well?" queried the wife. "But, my dear, there's only about half a column of it!" said Biffkins, slyly.

How's This? We offer \$20.00 for any case of cataract that cannot be cured by HALL'S CATARACT MEDICINE. HALL'S CATARACT MEDICINE is taken internally and acts through the blood on the blood vessels of the system. Sold by druggists for over forty years. Price 50c. Remittance by P. O. Order. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio. Depends. "Do you favor the open-door policy?" "Not in this kind of weather." Gumbo Walks. "Gumbo must grow with a lumbago." "Lumbago that way." "What's the matter with you?" "Gumbo's got a lumbago."

Your Eyes. Irritated Eyes, Red, Itchy, Swollen, or otherwise affected by any cause, can be cured by using HALL'S CATARACT MEDICINE. It is a powerful eye medicine, and acts through the blood on the blood vessels of the system. Sold by druggists for over forty years. Price 50c. Remittance by P. O. Order. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

These Christmas Stocks

Are Complete Here

Slippers

A gift of comfort. Ladies Gents' and Childrens

Sweaters

Lots of styles and colors for all members of the family.

Handkerchiefs

At the booth. New ones—slightly different.

Bath Robes

Rich colors, several qualities and styles ladies, mens and childrens.

Furnishings for Men

are complete. The very newest in neckties, shirts, hosiery, scarfs, gloves, caps, underwear, gowns.

Ladies Gifts are easily chosen here

New neckwear, purses, ribbons, camisoles, gloves, silk, cotton or lisle hosiery, boudoir caps, undershirts, silk and cotton waists, house dresses and kimonos.

Linen and cotton Scarfs and Fancy Pieces. Nice displays and splendid values. Towels too, in Huck or Turkish.

Small Rugs

in fine patterns and at lowest prices. Carpet and vacuum Sweepers. \$1.25 to \$8.00

Childrens & Infants

sweaters and sweater sets, gloves and mittens, headwear, leggings, ribbons, ties

Warm Blankets

in cottons and wool. Plain colors as well as beautiful plaids. \$3.50 to \$15.00 Comfortables. \$2.75 to 6.50

Boys Mackinaws

Suits, overcoats, sweaters and waists. They please the boys we know.

Buy "Her" Furs for Christmas

We've nice ones and we're offering special prices now.

Or what's better than a dress pattern

of wool or wool and cotton. Our stock is large and the values are above the average.

Table Linen is a fine gift. We have pure linen as well as mercerized table cloths 55c to \$3.50 per yard with napkins to match many patterns.

Buy ladies coats now

Every garment is reduced for December and you get the good of it during the holidays.

Men—Look the Part.

Put on a new suit for Christmas. You'll enjoy it better.

Shoes are a sensible gift

and if they don't fit we exchange them.

We wish you all
"MERRY CHRISTMAS"
W. J. Dancer & Co.

Stockbridge, Mich.

Cash paid on \$15 purchases

GREGORY

The W. C. T. U. will meet Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Eliza Placeway.

Archie Arnold spent Sunday in Fowlerville.

Miss Nettie Whitaker was a Stockbridge visitor Saturday.

M. E. Kuhn was a Detroit visitor last Thursday.

Ray Hill and wife were Stockbridge visitors Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Mary May is visiting in Jackson. Miss Lois Worden received a letter from Mr. Alex LaFerte who is in France. He stated that he was well and getting along nicely.

Mrs. R. G. Williams was a Howell visitor on Monday of last week.

Miss Ruth Kirkland of Fowlerville returned home Saturday after several weeks stay at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Arnold.

Mrs. Ruth Chapman returned from her visit at Unadilla last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alger Merrill of Handy were guests at the home of his parents last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bullis and daughters Frances, Olive and Genevieve visited for several days the past week at the home of Ray Sharp near Toledo.

Mrs. Wm. Marsh was a Jackson visitor on Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Cleve VanBuren and Miss Rutha Brotherton were Stockbridge visitors last Saturday.

Clarence Marshall got his discharge and came home from the Ann Arbor Camp last Friday.

Remember this week is "Red Cross Membership week". Have you renewed your membership?

Services next Sunday at the Baptist church at 10 a. m. The pastor's subject will be "The Shepherd's Vision and the First Christmas". Bible school at 11:15. Young people's meeting at 7 p. m. Clarence Marshall will lead. You are cordially invited. Come.

Wright's Chapel

The neighbors and friends of McClure Hinchey and family gave them a farewell surprise party Friday evening, Dec. 6th. With a few well-chosen words in behalf of those present; John Wylie presented Mr. and Mrs. Hinchey with a set of silver spoons and Baby Raymond with a small sum of money. After a luncheon consisting of cake, sandwiches, pickles and coffee, the guests departed, wishing them every success in their new home. They moved to the Dr. T. F. Lane farm near Ann Arbor.

A. Demeray and family have moved to Lansing.

Mrs. Milford Miley spent Tuesday at Mrs. Ella McMullen's of Anderson.

Several from here attended the Ladies Aid at Mrs. L. Ruttman's of Iosco last Wednesday.

Lakeland

Mr. and Mrs. Ranz Tompkins are visiting Mrs. Tompkins' brothers, Emil and Dudley Stewart.

Mrs. Earl Fleisher and Mrs. Frank Sisler were Ann Arbor visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Rex Burnet visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bergen Sunday.

Mrs. Bert Hooker, Mrs. Isaac Shipley and daughter Viola have recovered from the flu.

Bewlah Martin opened her school at Pettysville Monday.

Miss Vera Shipley is visiting her grandparents at Salem.

Miss Viola Pettys visited her aunt, Mrs. Mary Wheeler Monday.

Mrs. Maude Doan has returned to her home at Ann Arbor after caring for her brother, Fred Blade and family, who have recently recovered from the flu.

UNADILLA TOWNSHIP Collector's Notice

I will receive taxes at the bank every day during banking hours until February 1, 1919.

F. A. Howlett,
Township Treas.

A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

To All of Our 300 Customers

A visit to our store will convince you it is the place to get good reliable goods at reasonable prices.

Our Christmas goods consist of Keen Kutter guaranteed triple plate knives and forks, table and tea spoons, berry spoons, meat forks, carving knives and forks, genuine cut glass goods etc.

Enamel roasters at cost.

High test gasoline.

Thanking you for past favors

Respectfully yours

Teeple Hardware Co.

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Livingston County's

CHRISTMAS STORE

The size of our stock will amaze you.

The immense variety will please you.

The moderate prices will surprise you.

COME AND SEE US

Open Evenings Until Christmas

LINES Opposite Court House

Prohibition

Edited by M. E. S.

Washington D. C., Dec. 6.—Secretary Baker appealed today to friends of soldiers returning from the front for assistance in discouraging the giving of intoxicating liquors to the men as part of their homecoming celebrations.

"In the celebrations that welcome our troops home from abroad many men in uniform have been given intoxicating drinks," Secretary Baker said. "This is contrary to law. It is a breach of military discipline. It is an injury to the returning troops.

"A drunken soldier is a disgrace to his uniform, an insult to the flag, a shame to himself and a danger to the community. No loyal citizen who has the interest of the men at heart will offer them the temptation of inebriety. I appeal to the friends of our boys from the front to discourage this abuse for hospitality.

"Our army in service has had a record for cleanness and sobriety of which the country has the right to be proud. I appeal to that pride to help the men live up to their record."

POSTAL REGULATIONS

Under instructions issued by the Postal Department all letters sent to soldiers overseas must have the return address of the sender in one corner of the envelope, so that if the soldier addressed is not overseas at the time it reaches its destination the government will return it to the sender.

"Makes Little Ones Glad, Doesn't Taste Bad."

FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR

A MOTHER wants to be sure and certain that the medicine she gives her child is safe. She wants no opiates or habit forming drugs. She wants a medicine that she knows other mothers have used with satisfaction and success.

Mothers Commend Foley's

Such a family cough and cold remedy is Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. It meets squarely and satisfactorily every demand a mother can make as to purity and wholesomeness. It is clearly made of the very best ingredients which she could use herself if she could always get them in a fresh and pure condition.

When she insists on Foley's Honey and Tar she gets at a moderate price (less than she would pay if she bought the ingredients at retail and mixed them herself) a standard medicine that has been used successfully in thousands of homes for many years—a medicine that experience proves is the best she can buy.

Safest For Children

Mothers who have used it know Foley's is safe and no harm will come from it as long as it is given by accident. It is so good and won't injure the most delicate stomach. It promptly checks coughs, colds, croup, whooping cough, and all other ailments. It should be kept in the family medicine chest for all such emergencies.

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