



THE ARMY and THE NAVY

Communications will be answered promptly. Interesting news each week.

TO DAD

(Coporal E. F. Dawson, Company C, Fourth Engineers, France.)

They think of us soldiers as heroes,
And praise our names up to the skies;
They've tears for the one who is wounded,
And prayers for the one who dies;
They write songs of our pals and our sweethearts,
And mothers so brave and so sad;
But name a great singer or poet
Whos mentioned a word about dad!

Poor dad, with his checkbook and troubles,
He hasn't a look-in at all—
It's mother, and pal, and sweetheart,
And Sammy who answers the call;
But dad must be thinking and wroking,
In a store, or a mine, or a mill,
To get the old round iron dollars
To pay the big family bill.

He buys the new bonds by the dozen,
Though his shoes are run down at the heel,
And his overcoat's old and looks shabby,
But you never hear old daddy squeal.
He doesn't write much of a letter
To his boy who is going to France,
But sends him a crisp five or ten-spot,
Whenever he has a good chance,
And evenings, when reading his paper,
A-smoking his pipe or cigar,
He thinks of his boy clad in khaki—
Says, "I hope it is well where you are."

Now I think just a lot of my mother—
She's written each day I've been gone,
And my pals and my friends and my sweetheart
Have all helped to cheer me along;
But my dad is as good as a human,
And sometimes I certainly feel
That as dad has to pay and work every day,
I don't think he gets a square deal.

Quantity if not capacity shipments will start soon from a new government shell-loading factory in New Jersey, one of four such government plants each of which is larger than any similar plant in the world.

When turning out 52,000 loaded shell a day under full operation the plant will use 2,000 tons of shells and explosives daily, the products of some 75 factories. More than 5,000 workmen will be required. Plans contemplate the employment of a large number of women. The marking of shells to designate size, load and range will require 250,000 operations each day.

The plant has a total area of approximately 2,500 acres. More than 100 buildings, with an aggregate floor space of 1,300,000 square feet, will provide storage for shells and parts and for material. A small city, with heating and lighting plants, water and sewage systems, hospitals, fire fighting plant, and restaurants, was built to house the employees. There is equipment to protect the health of those who work with poisonous gases, and a school for instruction in the loading of artillery ammunition with high explosives.

The operating plant consists of 13 shell loading units, each independent of the other, with equipment for loading 13 sizes of shells, ranging from the recently developed 37-millimeter to 16 inches. On two sizes of shells the propelling charge also will be loaded, the shell and cartridge case being assembled at the plant. All other shells are assembled in France.

In the construction of the shell-loading units the problem was far greater than one of mere building. Immense fans have been installed to dispose of the poisonous fumes from the high explosives. When a unit is in operation the air in the loading room is changed every few minutes. Specially designed suits will be worn during work with the explosives.

SECRETARY OF NAVY COMMENDS TWO MEN FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Secretary Daniels has commended Thomas Olsen, chief boatswain's mate, formerly on board the U. S. S. Wakiva, for the coolness, initiative and resourcefulness he displayed at the time of the collision which resulted in the sinking of the Wakiva May 22nd.

The commanding officer reported that Olsen took a prominent part in rigging out the motor boats, getting men out from blow, getting boats lowered and cleared, and that he stayed on board until every one else was off the ship. Olsen enlisted at New York December 11, 1915. His wife, Mrs. Matilda Olsen, resides at Brooklyn, N. Y.

Secretary Daniels also has commended Ensign Elwood L. Houtz, United States naval reserve force, for his presence of mind and bravery while serving on the U. S. S. Corsair as a coxswain, December 17, 1917.

During a heavy storm on that day two depth charges were washed overboard. Houtz discovered a depth charge cable leading down into the lazaretto. Knowing that if a charge was rolling around below deck it might explode any moment, he gripped the cable and followed it until he found the explosive.

Houtz enlisted at New York, April 3, 1917, giving as his next of kin his father, Daniel Daily Houtz, Salt Lake City, Utah.

HOLLAND SAILORS GO HOME AFTER WAIT OF FOUR MONTHS

The United States shipping board authorizes the following: After a wait in this country of nearly four months, 3,000 Holland officers and seamen who manned the Dutch ships taken over by the United States last March have been sent home, transportation for them being finally available. These seafarers were guests of the nation during their long wait. Chairman Edward N. Hurley, of the United States shipping board, has written Netherlands Consul General Spakler thanking him for his assistance in helping care for and repatriate his countrymen, and also speaking in terms of praise of the Holland sailors.

"We have been much impressed with the high character and admirable conduct of the Netherlands officers and seamen during their sojourn in the United States," says Mr. Hurley in his letter to the Dutch consul general. "Under peculiarly trying circumstances they have made us appreciate vividly how valuable an asset to a great commercial nation is the existence of a class of stalwart, sober and self-reliant seafaring men."

Paper thread is a Denmark war substitute for use in binder twine.

Wheat is selling for \$50 a bushel in Turkey, reports the American and Syrian relief commission in Turkey. Before the war the normal price was 50 to 60 cents per bushel.

The postal censorship board, post-office department, announces that translators of Spanish are in demand at New York and other port cities. These positions are open to women who can translate accurately and quickly.

The army medical department has developed a mobile X-ray outfit to be carried on the standard army ambulance to the front line trench for the benefit of wounded soldiers. It is desired by army surgeons to lose no time in ascertaining the extent and conditions of wounds. The outfit is made up of the Delce gas-electric set, the high-tension transformer, and the special type of Coolidge tube.

MAKING BIG MONEY QUICK

Potash is not the only western venture which is making big money quickly, although it probably leads them all. The Wyoming oil fields are making some quick millionaires these days.

Joe Cook, M. A. Kent, and L. E. Baird, of Worland, are said to be receiving checks on the tenth of each month for approximately \$3,000 each representing their proportion of royalties from the Elk Basin field. These royalty checks in varying amounts have been issued regularly on the 10th of each month for the past twenty months.

The original Elk Basin field was located by eight men who put up \$150 each. The lands were leased by the Elk Basin Petroleum company and are operated by the Midwest Refining company. The eight locators receive one-eighth royalty. Five of them, J. T. Hurst, Mary E. Hurst, C. C. Worland, C. D. Markham and Warren J. Jones sold their royalty right last year to the Grass Creek Petroleum company for \$100,000 each. The others retained their one-eighth of the one-eighth interest each and it is this share which is now bringing each of them \$3,000 a month.

CORBETT LOSES THE FIGHT!

Many May Think Pugilist's Defeat by Fitzsimmons Was in the Nature of a Judgment.

If I were a superstitious man I might give undue weight to the following incident as a bad omen. Just before Corbett had met Sullivan and while he was in training he bought a collie for \$10—a wonderfully pugnacious dog, which would tackle anything. There was one thing on earth that Ned loved, and only one, and that was Corbett. And Jim loved the dog for his bravery. Ned always slept at the end of his master's bed and if anybody approached the room he would give a terrible growl. In a word, he was Corbett's protector. Ned was Corbett's constant companion during training for the Sullivan fight and went with him to New Orleans. Then he traveled everywhere with his victorious master and made his appearance on the stage with him in the training scene in "Gentleman Jack." It was Ned's growls that aroused the camp one night when Corbett was training for the Mitchell fight to the fact that some persons had climbed up next to Corbett's room. It looked as if they were there to maim or hurt Corbett. In fact, when they were discovered and shot at, they shot back. Of course, Ned was the hero of the affair.

When we went to Europe Jim lent Ned to John W. Norton and he remained with that man until Norton died.

When Corbett went to Carson he forgot all about Ned, partly from the fact, I suppose, that his brother Harry had brought from San Francisco a beautiful full-blooded collie for whom Jim had now conceived a deep affection. Not knowing this, I thought it would be a good idea to take Ned with me when I should join Corbett at Carson. I paid Ned's expenses across the continent in the baggage car, took good care of him and anticipated great pleasure in introducing him to Corbett again. I found Jim sitting with the beautiful collie dog in his lap. Ned, furiously jealous, sprang at the throat of the dog who had supplanted him in his old master's affections, and they had a terrible row until Corbett savagely pulled them apart and kicked Ned out of the door into the deep snow. That night Corbett, who slept in a cottage opposite the little hotel where we were training, took the collie and went to bed, and the next morning, outside of Corbett's door, with his nose on the sill, was Ned—frozen stiff! And Corbett lost the fight!—From "The Fighting Man," by William A. Brady.

This Prevents Seasickness.

Encouraging tests have recently been made by an eastern inventor with a self-adjusting berth for steamships. In its present form the device has somewhat the appearance of a lawn or porch swing set in a reclining position, but although it might be employed in such capacities it is primarily intended to provide a level, vibrationless bed for steamer passengers. The bunk is suspended at the head and foot from an angular beam, which in turn, is hung from the cross-bar of the supporting frame. The arrangement permits the bed to remain level at all times, regardless of either the longitudinal or lateral motions of a vessel. Furthermore, the vibrations of the engines and propellers are not transmitted to the occupant of a suspended berth. The apparatus was tried out and commended by passengers and officers aboard a steamer plying between New York and Norfolk. The device is protected by patents.—Popular Mechanics' Magazine.

Blowing Up a Gun Position.

There had been moderate firing all through the day, but, as often happens, there was now a complete calm. An officer, staring through his periscope binoculars, called my attention to a group of Germans. They were some distance back of their own front lines and were working under a screen of green branches. They were evidently laying steel plates for a machine-gun protection. The artificial bushes were almost a sufficient blind, but not quite. At that second there was the burst of a gun back of our lines. The next instant I saw a tree crash down at the exact spot where the Germans were working. A wave of black dirt rose, mixing its color into the white puff of the exploded shell. There was no more machine-gun parapet repairing that afternoon.—Lucian Swift Kirtland in Leslie's.

"Daylight Saving" Works Well.

"Daylight saving" was a success in Austria-Hungary, reports United States Consul General Albert Halstead from Vienna. Commenting on the results of the "daylight saving" experiment, which began April 30 and finished September 30 last, he says that it proved most beneficial to the health of the Viennese due to the extra sunlight in working hours, and also did much to save expense for lighting. It is calculated, he reports, that in Vienna alone the people consumed 158,000,000 cubic feet of gas less and saved \$142,000. The city of Vienna required 14,000,000 cubic feet of gas less for street lighting.

Cocoa From the Enemy's Country.

A cargo of 400 tons of cocoa recently arrived in London from the former German colony of Cameroons. Before the war the colony was Germany's chief cocoa-producing colony, and from Cameroons and Togoland she derived something like 4,000 tons a year.

Make Night Driving Safe

BY USING

THE NEW
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"The other night at Fort Sheridan the glare of the bright lights of an oncoming auto so blinded the driver of an army auto conveyance, in which there were a number of ladies, that it was ditched with serious, if not fatal, results."

There is a law against glaring headlights, but some motorists, because of thoughtlessness or indifference, have not equipped their lamps with lenses.

To encourage the use of a non-glaring lens, we are offering the following cut prices in Osgood Lens:

8 in.—\$2.65	9 in.—\$2.80
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WHEN YOU WAKE UP DRINK GLASS OF HOT WATER

Wash the poisons and toxins from system before putting more food into stomach.

Says inside-bathing makes anyone look and feel clean, sweet and refreshed.

Wash yourself on the inside before breakfast like you do on the outside. This is vastly more important because the skin pores do not absorb impurities into the blood, causing illness, while the bowel pores do.

For every ounce of food and drink taken into the stomach, nearly an ounce of waste material must be carried out of the body. If this waste material is not eliminated day by day it quickly ferments and generates poisons, gases and toxins which are absorbed or sucked into the blood stream, through the lymph ducts which should suck only nourishment to sustain the body.

A splendid health measure is to drink, before breakfast each day, a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it, which is a harmless way to wash these poisons, gases and toxins from the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels; thus cleansing, sweetening and freshening the entire alimentary canal before putting more food into the stomach.

A quarter pound of limestone phosphate costs but very little at the drug store but is sufficient to make anyone an enthusiast on inside-bathing. Men and women who are accustomed to wake up with a dull, aching head or have furred tongue, bad taste, nasty breath, sallow complexion, others who have bilious attacks, acid stomach or constipation are assured of pronounced improvement in both health and appearance shortly.



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