

READING MATTER FOR SOLDIERS

Selection of Literature For Their Entertainment Should Recognize Probabilities of What They Do Not Like.

No small part of the keen curiosity that the world has felt concerning trench warfare relates to the use of idle time. In an army that was never on the march, never free of the foe, how was the strain relieved in the hours of duty? Specifically, what would one who formed a bit of living wall against a wall of fire and steel feel like reading? Few subjects could be more tempting to the speculator in psychology, who in such a matter could make out a most plausible case for any conclusion he chose to reach. But it is not necessary to rely upon guessing, masquerading as reasoning. We have a mass of particulars. The supplying of soldiers with something to read began with the war. The night after hostilities were declared between Germany and England, an Englishwoman, Mrs. H. M. Gaskell, lay awake wondering how she could help in the struggle. Recalling how much a certain book she had read during a recent illness had meant to her, she was taken with the idea of providing reading matter for the men at the front, in hospitals, and elsewhere. In a few days Lady Battersby lent her mansion for the work. Lord Haldane officially approved the plan, and the first call for books went out.

How Books Came.
The response was immediate—and mixed. Empty wagons had to be hired and kept at the doors for the refuse that had been seized the opportunity of sending under the pretext of being charitable. Old parish magazines were received and sent to the pulp-makers by the tens of thousands. Enterprising householders were soon raking up copies of Punch bearing the date 1846, "Hints to Mothers," "How to Cut a Blouse," "Guides to English Watering-Places," even old telephone directories and admirable dicta—"Meditations Among the Tombs," and patriotically dumping them upon the volunteer distributors. Not the first call brought a full 1,000,000 well-selected books, which included rare editions of standard authors. The latter were sold, and the proceeds invested in volumes of the kind most needed. So was started an activity that speedily grew and branched until it has become one of the great departments of war work. Merely to collect adequate information about it is a task of no small size, but this has been done, and the facts regarding it are interesting. Theodore Wesley Koch, chief of the order division of the Library of Congress. His account, which has been appearing in the Library Journal of the New York public library, is now reprinted in enlarged form in a pamphlet having the title, "Books in Camp, Trench, and Hospital."

What They Do Not Read.
A glance at these pages suggests that the question of soldiers' reading should be revised to run, "What do the soldiers not read?" "Boswell and Peppys," said Mrs. Gaskell, "Nick Carter, detective stories, the Bible, Nat Gould, Wordsworth's 'Prelude,' Famous Boxers' the Koran, Miss Arden, Mark Twain, Maria Corelli, Macaulay, London Opinion, The Round Table, go side by side." And this not by any chance arrangement, but in response to expressed preferences from the front. Mr. Koch tells of a German soldier and his son who had been sent from Verdun to the Russian front, where they were wounded and captured. In adjoining beds they were furnished by the Young Men's Christian association with a copy of "Oliver Twist" and a Russian grammar. In the same ward was a young Berlin professor who had done research work in the British museum. His brooding was relieved by the gift of the "Christmas Carol" and the inevitable Russian grammar. A count who was a prisoner in a Russian camp asked for a good American story. He was given "Black Rock," and pronounced it one of the best novels he had ever read, and asked the Young Men's Christian association's secretary to send him ten others of the same kind from America "after the war." A visit to Petrograd enabled the secretary to gratify this desire earlier than the date the count had named, and Ralph Connor, Gene Stratton Porter and Jack London never had more grateful readers than the count and his companions in adversity.

"Detective" Stories Liked.
But surely, someone will say, there are books that most soldiers like better than they like others. This is true. "Detective stories are shouted for." The "favorite" authors "come in grand procession of favor." "Kipling, Jacobs, Florence Barclay, John Oxenham, Rider Haggard, Dumas, Stevenson. According to this soldiers are very much like non-combatants. "The parallel goes further. Like non-combatants,

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Siberian Peasants Object To Lenin's Land Decree

Petrograd, Nov. 27.—The peasant congress of the Tomsk government (West Siberia) has sent a message to the all-Russian conference of the peasant council at Petrograd expressing disapproval of Premier Lenin's land decree. The congress declares that supervision of land affairs must be left in the hands of the peasant congress until the constituent assembly meets.

ants, they have their "highbrows." Whether or not it is these that called for the "Hundred Best Poems" and the "Hundred Best Love Poems" may be matter of controversy, but there is no mistaking the "smart young soldier" who limped slightly and from whose pockets stuck out a copy of Browning. He had profited by three weeks in the convalescent camp "to read for the first time the whole of Keats and Wordsworth, and was just beginning Browning." The ambitious soldier was a musician, but "you can't bring a cello with you on active service," and so he had "fallen back more on reading," of which he was always fond, but of which he had done more in ten months in camp than any ten months at home. He was looking out for a copy of Shelley or Francis Thompson. He must have been related to the man who was reading Macaulay's "History of England." A sergeant asked for half a dozen copies of Omar Khayyam to give his men at Christmas. Literary likings are strengthened as well as broadened. One soldier who knew nothing of Dickens before he enlisted except the "Tale of Two Cities" had read in France "David Copperfield" and "Great Expectations," and was deep in "Our Mutual Friend."

All this takes no account of the requirements of men like those who sent in a request for "The Agricultural Holding Act, a Motor Manual, Practical Navigation, Bee Keeping, and Furniture, periods and styles." No armies ever read like the armies of today, because no armies could read as they can read. Just why and how the struggle affects literary inclinations is less important than the fact that among the items on the credit side of the terrible balance sheet are better acquaintance with literature, major and minor, and a stronger tendency to turn to it as to a better world—New York Evening Post.

Carranza Increases Taxes On Alcoholic Liquors

Mexico City, Nov. 27.—President Carranza has issued a decree increasing the taxes and import duties on all wines and alcoholic liquors to take effect January 1. All alcoholic liquors produced in Mexico will be subject to a tax of 50 per cent and wines will be taxed 25 per cent. Wines and alcoholic beverages of foreign make will have to pay a stamp tax of 70 per cent above the import duties. Foreign made beer will be taxed 80 per cent above the import duty.

Rear Admiral Cowles Dies.

Redlands, Cal., Nov. 27.—Rear Admiral Walter Cleveland Cowles, retired, died at his home here yesterday after an illness of a week. Mrs. Cowles and a son, Lieutenant W. C. Cowles, U. S. N., were with him at the time. Arrangements for the funeral have not been completed.

Doctor Tells How To Strengthen Eyesight 50 per cent In One Week's Time In Many Instances

A Free Prescription You Can Have Filled and Use at Home.
Philadelphia, Pa. Do you wear glasses? Are you a victim of eye strain or other eye weakness? If so, you will be glad to know that according to Dr. Lewis there is real hope for you. Many whose eyes were failing say they have had their eyes restored through the principle of this wonderful free prescription. One man says, after trying it: "I was almost blind; could not see to read at all. Now I can read everything without any glasses and my eyes do not water any more. At night they would pain dreadfully; now they feel fine all the time. It was like a miracle to me." A lady who used it says: "The atmosphere seemed hazy with or without glasses, but after using this prescription for fifteen days everything seems clear. I can even read fine print without glasses." It is believed that thousands who wear glasses can now discard them in a reasonable time and multitudes more will be able to strengthen their eyes so as to be spared the trouble and expense

GERMAN INDUSTRIES HAVE HAND IN PRESS

Through News Bureaus Big Business Tries to Control Opinions in Neutral Countries.

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)
Copenhagen, Nov. 26.—Attention is now being directed by German liberal socialist newspapers to efforts of big business and industry to gain a commanding position over the German press and foreign news field. Before the war Krupp and associated concerns in heavy manufacturing had furnished capital for an enterprise designed to assist German business abroad, particularly in South America and the orient, by a news service, and during the war big businesses have extensively financed news service designed to manipulate neutral opinion by means of press dispatches. One of these, the wireless concern known as "Transocean," headed by a former director of the foreign office press bureau, formed the ambitious project of establishing itself, through control of wireless and a monopoly of official and semi-official news during the war, in such a position in the American field, that, after the war, it would be able to continue to furnish American newspapers direct with its brand of German news delivered from New York, as well as in South America and Asia.

The American declaration of war and rupture of wireless communication blocked these plans for a time, but the company a few weeks ago held a meeting and doubled its capital stock, money coming from the same old sources.

Now the Foreign Advertisement company, a concern founded shortly before the war, to act as distributing center for advertising in both foreign and domestic newspapers of a number of great business and industrial concerns, has increased its capital from 200,000 to 1,000,000 marks and the Munich Post is able to publish the names of its stockholders and those of the holding company controlling it. Forty-four stockholders in the holding company include a whole galaxy of the heavy industrial world such as Krupp, Stumm, the Hugo Stinnes Steel Works association, the Sochum and Mulheim mining syndicates and the Augsburg machine factory, with Director Hugenburg of Krupp's holding voting control.

The advertising company will be able to dispose of the advertising of 150 of the largest German concerns. It is pointed out in the press and admitted by the founders that an institution with such an amount of advertising to distribute may hope to influence editorial views of newspapers.

Ambassadors Ignore Reds' Peace Offer

London, Nov. 27.—The Times' Petrograd correspondent says he has learned from an authentic source that there was a meeting of the foreign ambassadors at the American embassy Friday night, at which it was decided to ignore the note of Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, demanding an armistice.

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100 white quilted mandarin vests, washable, all sizes, worth \$1.50, Wednesday..... **95c**

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Boys' Suits with two pairs of knickers, in fancy mixtures, cleanly tailored, rich in patterns, made to stand the wear and tear which only a sturdy growing boy can give them. Boys' Suits with one knicker, beautiful Scotchies and chevilles. Values up to \$10, and a full line of all wool guaranteed fast color Blue Serges, worth \$8.50 to \$10.00.

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| 10-ounce jars pure Fruit Preserves for..... 75c | The Best Mixed New Vets, lb..... 20c | Mariacito Blend, per lb..... 25c |
| Large bottles Worcester Sauce or Pickles, assorted kinds..... 15c | Fancy Evaporated Apples, lb..... 15c | Brussels Sprouts, per lb..... 15c |
| Large bottles pure tomato Catsup for..... 15c | Fancy California Prunes, lb..... 15c | Pinto Beans Blend, per lb..... 25c |
| Fancy Queen Olives, bottle..... 25c | Fancy California Nut Peaches, per pound..... 25c | Audota Blend, per lb..... 25c |
| 14-ounce cakes Baking Chocolate, lb..... 75c | Fancy 3 Crown Muscadine cooking Raisins, per lb..... 15c | H. B. C. Special, per lb..... 25c |
| 10-ounce jar pure Apple Butter, lb..... 75c | Fancy Golden Sultana Raisins, lb..... 15c | 3 lbs. for..... \$1.50 |
| 10-ounce cans assorted soups..... 15c | Fancy California Seedling Raisins, per lb..... 15c | FOR..... 40c |
| Peaches, put up in heavy syrup, for..... 25c | Fancy Seedling Raisins, pkg., 10-15c..... 30c | Fancy Head lettuce, bunch..... 75c-10c |
| Ripe Olives, per can..... 15c | Mince Meat, pkg..... 10-15c | Fancy Cranberries, per lb..... 15c |
| Snider's Oyster Cocktail..... 15-20c | The best Lemon or Orange Peel, per pound..... 30c | Hubbard Squash, per lb..... 3c |
| No. 3 cans solid Packed Tomatoes for..... 15c | Pure Apple Cider, gallon..... 35c | New Cabbage, per lb..... 3c |
| No. 1 cans Golden Pumpkin..... 15c | Fancy Sweet Valencia Oranges, per dozen..... 35-38c | Fancy Green Beans, per lb..... 15c |
| No. 3 cans Saucerkraut..... 15c | Fancy Cooking Apples, peck..... 45c | Old Bosta, Carrots, Turnips, Parsnips or Rutabagas, per lb..... 15c |
| No. 2 cans fancy Sweet Sugar Corn for..... 15c | Large Grape Fruit, each..... 1-10c | Fresh Horsesradish Root, per lb..... 15c |

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