

# FATE OF BELGIUM AWAITS NEUTRALS

### TITLE OF GERMAN WARNING IF THEY JOIN ALLIES IN WAR.

## CITE AMOUNT OF BOOTY SEIZED

Punishment Inflicted Upon Stricken People Astonishing.—Children Fined, Churches and Cathedrals Destroyed, Prisoners of War Mistreated.

Washington—German propagandists have flooded Spain with a document printed in Spanish, warning neutral nations of the frightfulness they may expect if they align themselves with the allies in the war. A translation made public by the state department follows:

"Besides an untold amount of war material, captured on the battlefield, the Germans have taken possession of incalculable booty in France and Belgium, including:

"High grade watches, 417; average watches, 5,016; underwear, 18,073; embroideries and women's handkerchiefs, 15,132; umbrellas and parasols, 1,705; silver spoons, 1,876; bottles of champagne, 523,000.

"These figures show a large increase over those of the campaign against France in 1870-71.

"In Belgium, besides many art treasures, they have confiscated old paintings valued at 3,000,000 pesetas.

"Due to the treachery of Cardinal Mercier and other priests, who did their utmost to stir the priests against the good-hearted German soldiers, they were forced to teach a severe lesson to the Belgian and French Catholics.

"Cathedrals destroyed, 4; rendered unserviceable, 8; churches destroyed, 27; rendered unserviceable, 34. Total, 73.

"In Poland also, a large number of churches have been destroyed for military reasons. The figures concerning these have not yet been published.

"As a result of the stupid stubbornness of the Belgian people in continuing the struggle after their bloody and final defeat on the battlefield, the German officers were forced against their will to impose punishments on many rich individuals and wealthy cities.

"This has contributed the following amounts to German treasury:

"Punishments, \$7,000,000 pesetas; security, 13,000,500 pesetas; reprisals, 15,750,000 pesetas; forced contributions, 4,320,850 pesetas. Total, 120,071,350 pesetas.

"This amount includes a fine of 15,000 pesetas imposed on the Alsatian children who insist on speaking the French language and refuse to study the beautiful German language. The statistics are a most useful warning to neutral countries.

"If there are still any thinking of siding with the allies, let them take warning from the fate of the others."

In connection with claims of the extent of territory occupied by German troops the following foot note appears:

"When it is held that the Germans have occupied no English territory and that on the contrary they have lost all their African colonies amounting to some three million square kilometers, it must be remembered that the English, according to the declaration of their ministers, are not intending to secure any extension of the British empire, that they have entered the struggle with only the aim of helping the Belgians.

"That is to say, the English have practically pledged themselves to return the German colonies after the war in exchange for the evacuation and indemnification of Belgium. The Germans, therefore, are to recover all that they have lost in Africa.

"More than 50,000 British have been made prisoners. Although to these figures the British oppose 124,806 German prisoners taken by them on the western front, it must be remembered the English treat prisoners with notable kindness (blandia notoria), while the regime imposed on the English prisoners by the Germans is one of extreme rigor; so that the Germans, with a small number of prisoners have secured a much superior moral effect. Besides, to the 2,264 officers and 51,823 soldiers must be added the several thousand English prisoners that have died in consequence of disease, scanty food and other accidents in German concentration camps.

"The figures refer to the total prior to the drive in Picardy and Flanders."

### Give Territory for Peace.

Zurich.—The peace treaty just signed by Rumania with the central powers provides for the ceding of southern Dobruja to Bulgaria and the ruling of northern Dobruja by a special joint commission, pending final settlement.

Dobruja is a part of Rumania bounded on the east by the Black sea, and on the north and west by the Danube. It has an area of 4,000 square miles and a population of about 800,000.

## STUCK TO HIS POST OF DUTY

### Railroad Telegrapher Stayed "on Job" While His Home Was Burning.

Lock Haven, Pa.—B. R. Staver, railroad telegrapher, on duty near Lock Haven, Pa., stood at his post of duty and watched his home burn, unable to leave his telegraph key. He knew that his wife and their three-day-old baby were in danger and helpless, but the thought of a possible railroad wreck, with its consequent loss of life, kept him at his post.

When Staver saw the smoke rising from the roof of his house he turned in an alarm and then summoned another telegraph operator to relieve him. Until the relief arrived Staver



Stuck by His Key.

stuck by his key, watching his home burning, and not knowing whether or not his family had been saved.

With the arrival of relief the telegrapher dashed from the telegraph office and to his home. The blaze was under control, but not until it had practically ruined the home. However, the wife and her new-born baby were safe, railroad men having placed them on a cot and carried them from the burning home to a place of safety.

## TROUSER MYSTERY SOLVED

### Load Removed From Minds of a Con- scription Board in Indiana.

Princeton, Ind.—A mystery has been solved and a load removed from the minds of the members of the Gibson county conscription board. Several weeks ago, after 100 young men had taken the physical examination for army service, the board found a pair of trousers remaining in the dressing room. Nobody claimed them, and, though they watched closely, the board members saw no trouserless young man going about the streets.

One day a young man from the vicinity of Lyles station came in and claimed the trousers.

He said he had on three pairs when he came in to be examined and in the hustle and bustle of getting his numerous clothes off and on again he had overlooked one pair.

## COCK FIGHT AUDIENCE HELD UP BY BANDITS

Greenwich, Conn.—While sporting men from points in Connecticut, N. J., and New York were enjoying a series of cock fights in a barn near here six bandits, heavily armed and masked, held up the entire party, obtaining several thousand dollars. The automobiles used by the sporting men had been disabled, preventing pursuit. The bandits emptied their revolvers and then escaped. Eleven sporting men have been arrested for violating the law which prohibits its cock fights.

## MAN REFUSES TO QUIT JAIL

### Astonishes Court by Tearfully Re- questing Judge to Extend His Sentence.

St. Louis, Mo.—Alexander Bastien, seventy-seven years old, a gardener of East St. Louis, Ill., refused to be released from the county jail at Belleville recently. He had served a six months' sentence for vagrancy.

Tearfully he asked Justice Wangelin to lengthen his sentence.

"First time I ever heard of anybody wanting to remain in that jail," justice Wangelin said. "Fifty-three days."

Bastien was a privileged prisoner and made daily trips from the jail to the county workhouse, eight blocks away.

### Needed Special Coffin.

Putnam, Conn.—A special coffin 32 inches in width, 24 inches deep and 6 feet in length had to be built before Ulrich Paparie, forty, the largest man in this city, could be buried. Last summer, when taken ill, he weighed 415 pounds, and since his illness he added 50 pounds.

## GETS HEART BALM WEDS OLD SUITOR

### Irish Beauty Who Received \$100,000 Is Now Happily Married.

## RICH OLD MAN PAID

### Give Secretary Tidy Fortune After Breaking Engagement—She Returns to Ireland and Marries Old Playmate.

New York.—Miss Honora May O'Brien, the "colleen of Skibbereen," who collected \$100,000 heart balm from John B. Manning, an aged and wealthy stockholder of New York city, has been secretly married in Ireland to one of her childhood playmates, according to a letter forwarded by the young Irish beauty to one of her friends in this country. The bridegroom is John Daly, a farmer of Skibbereen, who wanted to marry her three years ago when she came to America.

### Jilted Girl Received \$100,000.

When Miss O'Brien arrived in this country she went to work in Manning's Wall street office. Manning, who was eighty-three years old, surprised his friends by announcing, early in December of 1916, that he was about to marry Miss O'Brien. The day before the wedding was to have taken place, Manning telephoned to Cardinal Farley that there would be no wedding; that the six children of his first wife had strongly opposed the match, and that he was too old to marry a woman of twenty-eight. It had been said that he had arranged to settle \$500,000 upon his bride.

When the wedding was called off Miss O'Brien began an action for \$1,000,000 against Manning. A jury gave a verdict of \$225,000, the presiding judge reduced to \$125,000. Manning's lawyers threatened to appeal and Miss O'Brien accepted \$100,000, returning to Ireland almost at once. At the trial Miss O'Brien testified to the ardent wooing of her aged suitor.



Surprised His Friends.

while the latter tried to impress the jury with the belief that the Irish beauty had made the advances.

### It Was That.

In her letter to an American friend, the bride wrote: "I have changed my name to Daly. Wasn't it quick work? You may remember my telling you about the chap who wanted to marry me three years ago—well he has had his wish. We are very happy.

"Of course, we have known each other since childhood and the two families always were very friendly. We didn't intend to be married so soon, but in view of the fact that I had no home and a great many other reasons, we changed our mind."

## LOSES BRIDE OF 10 MINUTES

### Fifty Year; Later New York Man Is Trying to Locate Her.

Urbana, Ill.—Although 50 years have elapsed since A. H. Keach of Norway, N. Y., was married and "lost" his bride of ten minutes, he has sent a letter to the county attorney here asking him to locate her. He describes his wife as a "banker's daughter," having forgotten her name. She was seventeen years of age at the time, he says. Keach declares he was married to the girl while he taught school at Toluca, near here, in 1871.

They met on a train as Keach was leaving for New York, he writes, and were married by the county judge of Urbana.

Ten minutes later they became separated and he has not seen his wife since.

### Felt Sorry for Them.

New York—"I used to feel sorry when I saw a pretty girl living all alone—and, well, I just had to marry her."

Such was the defense entered by Sydney Lee Shellgrave, indicted for bigamy in general sessions here. Shellgrave, testified he was married four times that he could remember—and maybe more. He declared he sold a hair restorer and could not withstand the charms of pretty unmarried girls.

## FRECKLES

### Now Is the Time to Get Rid of These Ugly Spots

There's no longer the slightest need of feeling ashamed of your freckles, as Othine—Dodge's Freckle Remover is guaranteed to remove these honey spots.

Simply get an ounce of Othine—Dodge's Freckle Remover, from your druggist, and apply a little of it to your face and morning and evening wash your face with that cream the most freckles have begun to disappear, while the lighter ones have vanished entirely. It is seldom that more than one ounce is needed to completely clear the skin and gain a beautiful clear complexion.

Be slow to ask for the double strength Othine, as this is said under guarantee of money back if it fails to remove freckles.

### Too Late.

"Hello! Is this Senator Banks?"

"Yes. What do you want?"

"I want to be appointed Postmaster of Riverville."

"Who are you?"

"I am the son of the present incumbent. Father is very ill, and the doctor says that he cannot last another day. As no one else outside the family is aware of the seriousness of his illness I thought I would call you up to make sure that I was the first."

"I'm sorry, but some one has anticipated you."

"What! Who was it?"

"The doctor!"—Judge.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County—ss. Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for any case of CATARRH that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE.

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### Up in the Air.

Corporal (name deleted by censor) is the champion optimist in the (deleted by censor) regiment. On his first visit to Paris an air raid was in progress, and as he observed the Parisians, all intent on the tables, he said to his companion:

"There's one fine thing about this air stuff."

"And that is—?"

"It keeps you looking up." (Reply deleted by censor).—Cartoon Magazine.

### WHAT EVERY WOMAN KNOWS.

Every woman takes great pride in having her home well kept, in having the family wash done early in the week. Good bluing is needed even more than good soap. Be sure to use Red Cross Ball Blue.—Adv.

### Cruel Comment.

"My wife was stung on that last bonnet she got." "No wonder; she's always got a bee in it."

Paradoxical as it may seem, the cradle of the deep is on top of the ocean bed.

## WOMAN'S NERVES MADE STRONG

### By Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

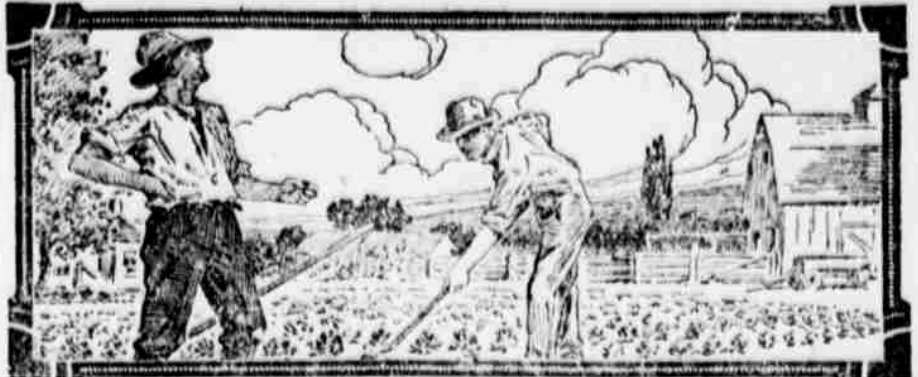
Winona, Minn.—"I suffered for more than a year from nervousness, and was so bad I could not rest at night—would lie awake and get so nervous I would have to get up and walk around and in the morning would be all tired out. I read about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and thought I would try it. My nervousness soon left me. I sleep well and feel fine in the morning and able to do my work. I gladly recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to make weak nerves strong."—Mrs. ALBERT SULTZ, 603 Olmstead St., Winona, Minn.

How often do we hear the expression among women, "I am so nervous, I cannot sleep," or "it seems as though I should fly." Such women should profit by Mrs. Sultz's experience and give this famous root and herb remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, a trial.

For forty years it has been overcoming such serious conditions as displacements, inflammation, ulceration, irregularities, periodic pains, backache, dizziness, and nervous prostration of women, and is now considered the standard remedy for such ailments.

### Clear Your Skin While You Sleep with Cuticura

Soap 25c. Ointment 25c & 50c



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### Personal Reports of Real Cases

**A NEBRASKA CASE.**  
C. T. Evans, painter and paper-hanger, 7th St. and 13th Ave., Nebraska City, Neb., says: "I was miserable with kidney complaint and finally had to give up and go to bed where I remained five months. My limbs were terribly swollen and my health was a wreck. I finally gave up taking medicines as they weren't helping me and I was suffering terribly when I heard of Doan's Kidney Pills. They soon helped me and as I continued using them the swelling pains and other troubles left. I was restored to health and for the past few years, my kidneys have been in good working order and I felt fine."

**ANOTHER NEBRASKA CASE.**  
Mrs. Isaac W. Brown, Ravenna, Neb., says: "My joints and muscles would pain and swell up and often I was so miserable I couldn't stand. I had terrible dizzy spells and headaches and if I stood long I would have to take hold of something to keep from falling. I got so nervous I couldn't keep still and nights I was unable to sleep. I was as weak as a baby and I dropped to 98 pounds in weight. When I had almost given up hope, Doan's Kidney Pills brought me back to health. I am cured now and I give Doan's all the credit."

## DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS

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## As Age Advances the Liver Requires

occasional slight stimulation. **CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS** correct **CONSTIPATION**. *Beaumont Newhall*

Colorless or Pale Faces usually indicate the absence of Iron in the blood, a condition which will be greatly helped by **Carter's Iron Pills**.

## MET SITUATION ALL RIGHT

### Small Boy at Least Showed That He Was Possessed of the Quality of Resourcefulness.

Senator Gilbert M. Hitchcock of Nebraska remarked at a social gathering that when one was doing his best it was all that could be expected of him, and contributed the following story as an illustration:

One afternoon little Jimmy was invited to take tea with a chum, and when he returned home he found his mother anxiously waiting for him.

"I hope, Jimmy," said the mother, after listening to sundry details of the affair, "that you remembered to wash your hands before you went to the table."

"We were called in so quickly," answered Jimmy, "that I didn't have time to wash but one."

"Wash but one?" exclaimed his mother, with much concern. "What did you do?"

"Why, I ate with that one," was the reassuring reply of Jimmy, "and kept the other in my pocket."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

### Where His Doubt Lay.

Mr. George Robey dearly loves a joke.

Recently a certain well-known brother comedian whom he met casually in the street remarked to him that he had a great mind to write a book.

"I doubt it," replied George.

"Doubt what?" said his friend in an injured voice; "that I can write a book?"

"Oh, no," was the reply; "that you have a great mind."

Knowing G. R.'s reputation for being a bit of a wag his friend readily forgave him.

### And Food for Wheatless Days.

If an actor could dine on his own roles what a cinch he would have.—Florida Times Union.

It's less credit to a man to be good if his income exceeds his wants.

His Species. "What a mean-looking fellow. I bet he's a bird." "Yes, he's a stool pigeon."

Good intentions would be worth more if a man could get them cashed.



## ON GUARD

At this time of the year people feel weak, tired, listless, their blood is thin, they have lived indoors and perhaps expended all their mental and bodily energy and they want to know how to renew their energy and stamina, overcome headaches and backaches, have clear eyes, a smooth, ruddy skin, and feel the exhilaration of real good health tingling thru their body. Good, pure, rich, red blood is the best insurance against ills of all kinds. Almost all diseases come from impure and impoverished blood. It is to be noticed in the pale or pimply face, the tired, haggard appearance or the listless manner.

Drink hot water a half hour before meals, and for a vegetable tonic there's nothing better than Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, the old-fashioned herbal remedy, which has had such a fine reputation for fifty years. It contains no alcohol or narcotics. It is made from Golden Seal root, Blood-root, Oregon grape root, Queen's root, Black Cherry bark, extracted with glycerine and made into tablets and liquid. Tablets sixty cents, at most drug stores.

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