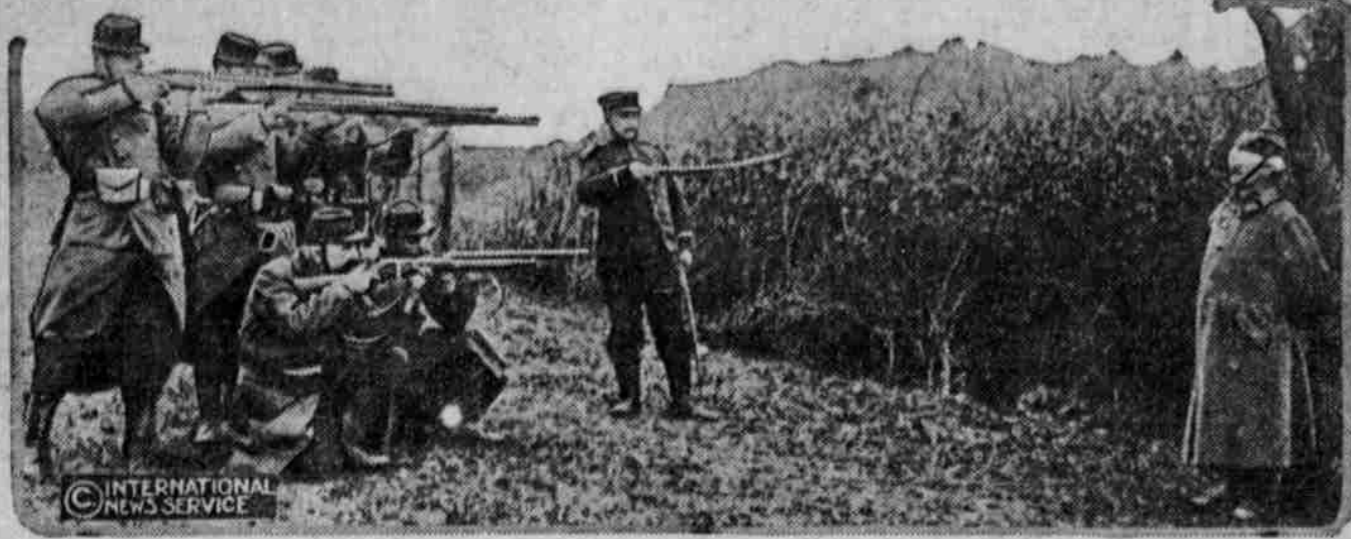


FRENCH TROOPS EXECUTING A PILLAGER



WORLD WONDER GUN

General von Rohne Writes of 42-Centimeter Howitzer.

Remarkable Weapon is Big Surprise of the War—Deadly Effects of Krupp Firm's Latest Creation Described.

Washington.—In the Field Artillery Journal, published by the officers of the field artillery arm of the United States army, appears under the caption "Concerning the Fall of the Belgian Forts," the first authentic reference to the great German 42-centimeter guns, which, as the Field Artillery Journal points out, constitute the "great ordnance surprise of the present war."

The article is of unusual interest to ordnance officers and experts throughout the world because of the high standing of its author, who is Lieutenant General von Rohne, for years admittedly one of Germany's greatest ordnance authorities.

"During the Franco-Prussian war, 1870-71," General von Rohne says, "the German foot artillery was in action against 16 French forts. Among these were only three which, according to the standards of that time, could be designated as modern forts. These were Metz, which held out ten weeks; Paris offering resistance for four months and surrendering through starving out, and Belfort, which withstood for three months and fell only after a regular siege. All other forts, even Strassburg, were not up to date; they lacked the protective outer belt of fortresses, so that the main attack could immediately be directed against the city walls. Nevertheless, Strassburg fell only seven weeks after the first appearance of the German troops.

"How entirely different is the aspect furnished by the assault upon the Belgian forts! On the sixth day after the beginning of the mobilization the German flag was unfurled over five of the Liege forts and a few days later the entire fortified town was in possession of our troops. Namur fell as quickly, if not more so, although the enemy had the opportunity of improving the protection of this fortress over that of Liege.

"Both these fortresses were constructed by the foremost strategical architect of the world, General Brialmont, upon entirely modern principles, and surrounded by a belt of forts which almost precluded a shelling of the city unless the forts were taken first. All of the forts were protected by armor and equipped with modern heavy guns, in spite of which they succumbed after such a short period of shelling that even the artillerymen, who are generally believed to overestimate the efficiency of their guns, were completely astonished.

"From the experience of recent wars, particularly the siege of Port Arthur, the principle was evolved that a modern fortress could be taken only by infantry assault, approaching under cover and having its way cleared by artillery.

"Before Liege a different method was employed for the first time. Instead of using a large number of small projectiles, one very powerful projectile was thrown into the fort, which produced such an immense effect that one hit was sufficient to destroy all the guns of the fort at once, and thus break down its resistance. This is clearly shown by the published photographs of the fort turned into a pile

ARTILLERY IN ACTION



Feeding a death-dealing shell into one of the guns of a German battery.

of wreckage. The close fight during the last half century between guns and armor has been decided, probably conclusively, by the recent results in favor of the gun.

"This is not the proper time to furnish further details; suffice it to say that this result is due to the 42-centimeter mortar whose bore is twice as large as that of the largest caliber gun of the land artillery. This step is most interesting and shows great courage. In the line of naval artillery the Krupp firm first constructed 24-centimeter guns, then 28, 30.5, 35.36, 38.1, and finally 40.46 centimeter guns, that is six different groups, and has not even reached the 42-centimeter caliber. The gifted engineers of the Krupp works, who worked out the plans of the world wonder and then actually constructed it, are entitled to the thanks of the fatherland.

"Without these guns, streams of blood would have had to flow—as in the case of Port Arthur—before the doors of the two forts would have been opened. What valuable time—the most essential thing in such an energetically conducted war—has been saved and how many other fortresses will have to surrender after the first greeting from this giant gun!"

CARING FOR THE WOUNDED



The ambulance division of the German army caring for a wounded soldier.

ONLY OFFICEHOLDER IN CITY

This Oklahoma Man Apparently Runs the Town and Surrounding Country.

McAlester, Okla.—The town of Massey, Pittsburg county, is not exactly boasting that it is a "one-man town," but the records show officially that it comes as near that as any town in the state that has as many as 250 population. At any rate there is one man in the town who does all the work. The record doesn't show what the others do, but one is left to conjecture that they are busy making a living.

W. K. Terry is that one man. He is postmaster, station agent, telephone manager, school trustee, notary public and mayor—at least he bears the title "mayor of Massey." Just to fill up his idle moments he looks after a 600-acre farm and hay ranch, and on the side he is a railway tie contractor and operates the only general store in the town.

HERE'S A TIMELY WARNING

If You Break Your Telethermoscope You Can't Get a New One Until War is Over.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Until the warring nations of Europe sheathe the sword and get down to the business of making scientific instruments again, the Pittsburgh station of the weather bureau will have to work along without a telethermoscope.

The telethermoscope is a useful little instrument in that it allows the observer sitting in his comfortable office to tell the temperature at a glance. Without it, he must climb a 60-foot ladder on top of a 300-foot building when he desires the information.

Pays Way Washing Dishes. Chehalis, Wash.—Stillman Dempsey, one of the graduates at the State college, finished his term with \$51 cash balance to his credit, it is now learned, after washing dishes in Stevens hall to pay for his board and firing the furnace to meet other obligations. The past two seasons Dempsey was the champion strong man at the college.

STIRS UP THE NAVY

Battle in South Pacific Opens Up Controversy.

Efficiency of Big Guns in Rough Sea Is Subject Naval Officers Must Give Their Attention to Soon.

By EDWARD B. CLARK, (Staff Correspondent Western Newspaper Union.)

Washington.—American naval officers are showing a deep interest in the fairly complete report just received of the fight between the German and English squadrons in the South Pacific, a fight which ended in the defeat of the British and in the sinking with a loss of all on board of the cruiser Good Hope. There is a reason for the sharp interest of the American officers.

This first fight in the South seas between German and English vessels took place while a gale of wind was blowing and the sea was running high. German reports as well as those from smaller English cruisers which escaped from the combat, were to the effect that the Good Hope could not use its big guns because of the pitch of the ship in the high seas.

During the latter days of the Roosevelt administration a writer on naval affairs said that some of the American cruisers, ships of much the same type as that of the English Good Hope, although the latter vessel was not mentioned or thought of at the time, were so constructed that in a high sea they could not use their big guns efficiently. This criticism aroused a lot of attention and some naval officers said that it was not well based and others said that it was entirely well based.

One American ship which was mentioned by the critic was the West Virginia, of which it was said with a sea running a more stable enemy's ship with the same armament and the same guns could knock the American to pieces because the latter would pitch so that her guns could not be sighted accurately.

One curious thing in connection with this criticism was that just before the article appeared President Roosevelt had taken a trip on the West Virginia from the Mississippi river below New Orleans around Florida to Hampton roads. While on the journey a game came up and Admiral Brownson, who was in command of the West Virginia, took the president on the bridge and said to him: "I want to show you how the vessel behaves in a high sea and also to show you that with conditions as they are we can make good use of our guns."

It was accounted singular that the very ship which had been singled out as a type of those which would be inefficient in a high sea was the ship on which the president had sailed and had seen under the conditions outlined. Moreover, it was accounted a coincidence that Admiral Brownson, without knowing anything of the forthcoming criticism, should have made an answer to it in advance.

It seems likely that a complete study of the possibility of the efficient use of the big guns on our warships of a certain type will be tested before very long, in order that a point of controversy may be settled. If it should prove true that some of our ships cannot give a good account of themselves, even with a moderate sea running, there probably will be a change of construction method involving a readjustment of weights. The navy just now is studying this matter with a good deal of interest, attention, as has been said, having been drawn to it by the predicament which the English ship Good Hope found herself in when the more stable German vessels met it on the high seas in a gale of wind.

HER BOARDERS ALL MARRIED

Landlady of "Lovers' Retreat" Declares She Is Going to Try Wedlock Herself.

Allentown, Pa.—Erwin Boyer of this city and Miss Sallie Cutschaw of Perkashie, who recently took out a marriage license, are the tenth couple among the boarders of Mrs. Celia Aispach to be wedded this fall. They left for Perkashie to have the ceremony performed.

The boarding house of Mrs. Aispach is known as "Lovers' Retreat." She says two other couples under her roof are to get married soon and that as soon as she has these two couples safely launched she is going to get married again herself.

The Last Cartridge. Near the French town of Sedan is the village of Bazelle, where some of the fiercest fighting took place in 1870. There is a tavern still standing known as the Last Cartridge, which was the last French position desperately defended by the marines in that bloody war. The inn, which was the only house not burned down, now contains a small museum of relics of the battle, and one of the rooms on the first floor is still preserved in the same state as it is seen in the pathetic

The KITCHEN CABINET

If I had not to grub for bread,
My muse ruminating would thrill;
If all the world were not awry
I should be famous still.

But though I lay the blame on chance,
I notice with a sigh
The fact I cannot quite escape,
That half of 'E is L.

COMBINATIONS UNUSUAL.
To add variety to your table try some of these dishes.



Asparagus With Peas.—Cut the tender portions of a bunch of asparagus in pieces half an inch in length; let it cook in boiling water, with a bit of salt and a tablespoonful of butter. Beat the yolks of three eggs, add half a teaspoonful of sugar, a dash of pepper and salt; if needed a cupful of cooked peas; add three tablespoonfuls of butter to the asparagus and mix with the other ingredients, cook until the egg thickens. Serve on toast or on a dish garnished with toast points.

Prune Bavarian Cream.—Remove the stones and cut cooked prunes in small bits. There should be one cupful and a half of pulp and juice. Soften a third of a package of gelatin in one-third of a cupful of cold water; dissolve a little of the prune juice heated for the purpose; add one-fourth of a cupful of orange marmalade, the juice of half a lemon and two-thirds of a cupful of sugar; stir until the sugar is dissolved, then set in ice water and stir occasionally until the mixture begins to set, then fold in a cupful and a half of cream beaten stiff, and put into a mold. Garnish with half a cupful of whipped cream and pieces of cooked prunes.

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HELPFUL IDEAS.

The decoration of the table for simple or elaborate entertaining does not take as important a place as it should. A properly and at the same time prettily decorated table need not be either expensive or incur much work. For those who serve with the beautiful wood of the table covered with doilies or with beautifully laundered linen, the center piece is the first consideration. When a cloth is used there should be a heavy silence cloth under the linen, which may be of an old blanket or bed spread if one cannot afford one made for the purpose. At any rate have something to leaden the sound and pad the table.

When a color scheme is desired a piece of silk or silesia cut a bit smaller than the open-worked center piece will give a pretty tone of color to the table and if the same color is used in flowers and candle shades a most attractive result is obtained. A center piece which is a low basket, filled with flowers loosely but gracefully arranged, with narrow ribbons running to tiny baskets also filled with flowers at each corner is an exceedingly pretty table decoration. The small baskets may be bought for five cents apiece or less.

To prepare fresh parsley for chopping dissolve an eighth of a teaspoonful of soda in a cupful of boiling water, dip the parsley in this and let the sprigs remain a moment, when they will turn a bright green. Then directly from the boiling water take them and cut with a sharp knife, then add to soup or sauce.

Both parsley and mint may be kept in vinegar, spiced or otherwise. Simply heat the vinegar and steep the herbs in it until of the desired strength, then strain and bottle. Such vinegar will keep for years and is a great addition to many dishes. Dried parsley and mint may also be used.

For a fresh mint sauce chop a handful of sprigs with a sharp knife until well bruised and fine, add two tablespoonfuls of sugar and two of boiling water, let stand for a few minutes to steep, then add hot vinegar, a quarter of a cup if quite strong. If the vine-

gar is not very strong the water may be omitted and the hot vinegar used to steep mint in.

SOME GOOD DISHES.

For a cold day there is no more appetizing dish than



Chili Con Carne.—Boil until tender one pound of small red chili beans. Just before they are quite done add one onion and one clove of garlic finely chopped. There should be at this time in the dish about three pints of water; add seasoning of chili powder and a teaspoonful of salt. Chop a pound of suet, let cook to try out the fat, remove the bits and add a pound and a half of chopped steak or hamburger. Stir for a few minutes, then add to the beans and let cook several hours.

String Bean Salad.—For a can of beans mix four tablespoonfuls of olive oil, two tablespoonfuls of vinegar, a few dashes of cayenne pepper, a tablespoonful of catchup, and a teaspoonful of grated onion, a half-teaspoonful of salt or as much as is needed. Pour this dressing over the beans and toss until well mixed.

American Sausage.—Grind two pounds each of fresh pork and ham through a meat chopper; chop one small onion, one green pepper, one red pepper and four sprays of parsley, cut fine. To the meat and vegetables add one teaspoonful of powdered basil, half a teaspoonful each of curry powder and paprika, a teaspoonful of salt, two eggs, well beaten and one cupful of rich milk. Mix all the ingredients together, adding more onion and other seasonings if desired. Spread half a yard of cheesecloth on a meat board; on this lay strips of thin sliced bacon, side by side; on the bacon place the sausage rolled, spreading the ends with slices of bacon, then roll in the cloth. Tie the ends and two or three places through the center or sew it well. Let cook in boiling salted water (to which half a cupful of vinegar has been added) for three hours. Let cool under a weight. Serve cold, sliced thin with potato, cabbage or string bean salad.

SOMETHING NEW TO TRY.

It is true that there is nothing new under the sun, yet there are combinations of foods which are new in part, being originated every day. New flavors, new garnishes, new combinations are always welcomed. The following dishes may be new to many.

Cushion Cake.—Cream or soften by heat a half cupful of butter and a cupful and a quarter of sugar; add two well beaten eggs and a half cupful of milk alternately with two cupfuls of flour which has been sifted with two teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Add a half teaspoonful of salt and a teaspoonful of vanilla extract.

Divide into two parts; add to one part, two tablespoonfuls of molasses, one cupful of raisins, one-half teaspoonful of cloves, one teaspoonful of cinnamon, and a fourth of a teaspoonful of grated nutmeg. Bake in a buttered tin for 20 minutes; take from the oven and spread over the white part; return to the oven and bake until well done.

Pear and Pimento Salad.—Fill each canned pepper with two halves of canned pears; place on a bed of lettuce and serve with the following dressing:

Put one teaspoonful of salt into a bowl; add a few dashes of red pepper; four tablespoonfuls of melted butter and two tablespoonfuls of vinegar, mixing well with the butter. Olive oil may be used in place of butter.

Cheese Balls.—Rub a teaspoonful of butter into half a cupful of crumbs; add a fourth of a teaspoonful of mustard; one cupful of grated cheese; one egg; a half teaspoonful of salt and a few grains of red pepper. Shape in small balls and fry in hot fat. These are nice to serve either with soup or a salad.

French Pancakes.—Take four tablespoonfuls of sugar; add four tablespoonfuls of melted butter; a cupful of milk to a half cupful of flour; two eggs and a teaspoonful of lemon extract. Bake in six cakes, butter and put jam between every alternate one. Cover with powdered sugar and serve piled high on a dish. Serve cut in wedge-shaped pieces like pie.

Nellie Maxwell.

Open Air Garage is Cheap. In the downtown business district of Pittsburgh is an open-air garage belonging to the Automobile club, in which there is room for 200 motor cars at a time. Members of the club pay 20 cents a day for parking space. Non-members pay at a much higher rate.

picture by Alphonse de Neuville, known as "The Last Cartridge," the scene of which occurred here and from which the house has taken its name.—Baltimore Star.

The Martini Berceuse. A young lady was dining with some friends at their home. The host had concocted some seductive cocktails and she had joined the others in drinking to his health. Before the dinner was over she was experiencing that much-talked-of wobbly feeling that is said to follow a cocktail.

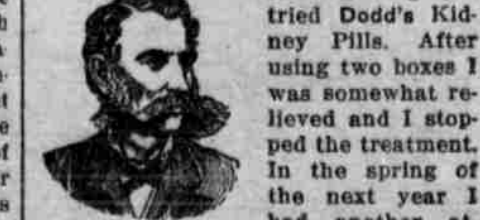
While coffee was being served in the drawing room the three-month-old son of the family was brought in to the room and the young guest insisted on holding him.

"I am surprised that he is so contented in your lap," her hostess told her. "He doesn't usually care for strangers."

"Well, you may not know it," was the reply, "but he is being rocked."—New York Evening Post.

THE PROFESSOR'S STATEMENT.

Prof. Aug. F. W. Schmitz, Thomas, Okla., writes: "I was troubled with Backache for about twenty-five years. When told I had Bright's Disease in its last stages, I tried Dodd's Kidney Pills. After using two boxes I was somewhat relieved and I stopped the treatment. In the spring of the next year I had another attack. I went for Dodd's Kidney Pills and they relieved me again. I used three boxes. That is now three years ago and my Backache has not returned in its severity, and by using another two boxes a little later on, the pain left altogether and I have had no trouble since. You may use my statement. I recommend Dodd's Kidney Pills when and wherever I can." Dodd's Kidney Pills, 50c. per box at your dealer or Dodd's Medicine Co., Buffalo, N. Y.—Adv.



Good Advice. "So you want to be somebody, do you? There's only one way you will ever make a noise in the world." "What is that?" "Join a brass band."

The New York thief who stole a barrel of ink will probably get a term in the pen.

WOMAN REFUSES OPERATION

Tells How She Was Saved by Taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Louisville, Ky.—"I think if more suffering women would take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound they would enjoy better health. I suffered from a female trouble, and the doctors decided I had a tumorous growth and would have to be operated upon, but I refused as I do not believe in operations. I had fainting spells, bloated, and could hardly stand the pain in my left side. My husband insisted that I try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and I am so thankful I did, for I am now a well woman. I sleep better, do all my household and take long walks. I never fail to praise Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for my good health."—Mrs. J. M. Resch, 1900 West Broadway, Louisville, Ky.



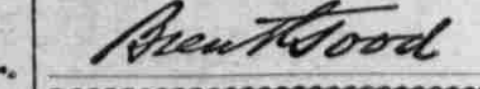
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