

## Belgians Forced to

Emile Vandervelde, Minister of Munitions in the Belgian Cabinet, says that Belgians who are being deported from Belgium are gathered up, herded and numbered like mattle and taken as captives into other provinces, into Northern France and into Germany without their kindred knowing where they are being taken. They are forced to make fortifications, to construct strategic railways, to make coment and other materials used in building trenches or to replace in other work laborers who are being sent to the front or into munition works.

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## Food Shortage In Germany

London, Nov. 28 .- The Daily Mail to-day makes a feature story of what it describes as highly authentic information that the food situation in noth Germany and Austria-Hungary is more deswerate than had hitherto been generally believed. This information se based on what is claimed to be the necessity of the American officials in both countries to send urgent demanus home for supplies of food. The food supplies, it is said, are now arriving and are being placed in depots under the vigilant eupervision of American officials.

The newspaper says its inform. forts of the capital.

ant declares that the Americans in Work for Germans | the past few weeks have reported to Washington that their ration tickets are useless, as there is little or no food to ration the nation. and that the action of the American government to hastening surplies of food to them is only interpreted is the light of showing that the American embassies and consulates now regard the food situation in Austria and Germany with the greatest possible anxiety

In an ecitorial dealing with this story, the Daily Mail says it explains the "peace intrigues which the Germans are fementing in the United States and elsewhere," and urges the British government to exert every possible pressure, especially the tightening of the block ade, to prevent Germany from tak ng advantage of the seizure of the corn lands of Roumania.

#### Answered

lage the local blacksmith was required as a witness. A messenger Starting at best selling time having been dispatched to fetch him, he soon arrived, straight from his work, het, dusty, and dirty

The judge, a very fastidious man, noticed this, and remarked severely, "Look here, my man, what do you mean by coming in to court in this state? How long do you wear your shirts?"

The smith flushed and auswered surlily, "Jist about down ter me knee, gov'nor. 'Ow long do you wear yours?"

## Sees A Gleam of Hope In Balkans

London, Nov. 30,-The rapid advance of the Germans in Roumania, with the capture of Petechti and the approach to Kuluguerna from Giudgiu is regarded here as constituting a serious situation, judging from comment ia the morning papers. It is remark ed that if the invaders reach Kuluguerna they will be only seventeen miles from Bucharest and only twelve miles from the outer

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The military correspondent of the Times, however, sees cause for hope. He ologizes the resistance of the Roumanians up to this point and expresses the opinion that if their morale is unimpaired and their munitions hold out, there is no reason why they should not continue their defence. The correspondent attaches importance to the Russian attack on the northern passes which, he thinks, probably surprised the Germans. The success of a Russian counter offensive on this front is largely dependent, he says, upon the efforts of the Roumanians further south, and it is to be assumed that the Russians were satisfied in this respect before launching ther attacks.

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#### Romance of Canes

The general use of canes or walking sticks was at one time forbidden in Rome by Imperial edict, except to persons of patrician rank, thus making it a privilege which came to be popular among the nobility, and eventually a distinction. The women of that time carried them also, their Mchly and artistically decorated canes serving as a and for the punishment of their slaves. The cane appeared in England as the badge of aristocracy in about the fifth century, but after serving this purpose for some time came into the hands of the numbler and was dropped by these of higher ocial standing. It was re-established in its true form by the pilgrims and soldiers returning from the Holy Land during the Crusades, and soon came into popularity again.

#### The Salt of the Sea

A regular task of the oceangraphers s to take observations of the saltness of the sea, which varies greatly in ifferent localities. They do this by tending down on the trawl line brass specimen bottles arranged to fill and close at any desired depth. Thus it as been learned that the North Atantic is considerably salter than the North Pacific, and that the saltest of all the great seas are the Mediterranean, the Red and especially the Adriatic. Some patient statistician has calculated that if all salt in the sea were evaporated and spread over this country, it would cover Canada with salt more than a mile and a half

#### Those Who Remember Hotel clerks have a way of recogzing guests as soon as they sign a gister. Bank cashiers carry in their remories the faces and signatures of tost of the customers of the bank. etectives, too, get into the habit of emembering the faces of everyone with whom they have to deal, whether

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rish STIES

n Days Gone by Were Most Valuable Part of Fish

Among unconsidered trifles may be included the scales of fish. Of value and utility to the owner 'uring its sojourn in the vasty deep, the scales are ignored after capture as good for the manure heap. But it was not ever thus. In days gone by fish scales possessed a real value, notably those of roach, bleak, dace, and whitebait. Older writers tell us how the scales of these fishes were collected and used in the manufacture of neckaces, ear-rings, and such-like ornahents. London fishermen used to tatch the fish, take off the scales, and throw the body back into the river.

A pigment was obtained by treating the scales in a certain fashion, whitebait being the most popular fish used for the purpose. So great, formerly, was the demand at times that the rice of a quart of fish-scales varied from one to five guineas. This treatpent of fish-scales for making small ersonal adornments is attributed to he French. A Parisian artist one winter, it is said, used thirt namperfuls of bleak scales in the course of manufacture. To-day, however, the industry is practically extinct.

#### THE AGONY COLUMN

The agony column of "The Times' continues to delight one's lighter moments, as well as to touch the heart with its hints of pathos and

In the same issue several wome': appeal for details of the last moments of their busbands and sons killed in action; a fat man implores that someone should grasp this unique opportunity to obtain his services for cinema comedy pictures; a colonial subaltern hopes that a kind person will help him with \$75, out of his difficulties; another subaltern, a Canadian ranker, wants \$125 urgently, and a lady wants to adopt the child of an officer who has fallen in action.

A few days ago, a girl whose fiance had been killed, offered to marry and devote herself to a disabled officer, with a view to making him happy. What a pity one cannot follow up these appeals. Did a disabled officer reply to this? Would the girl marry a man she had never seen, and would devotion so impersonal satisfy him and stand the strain of everyday life? Did ∈ some really kind sympathetic man write to her to point but the drawbacks to what she was so rashly and wildly promising because she lelt ter heart was broken?

#### -SAND AND GRAVEL

Increased Demand For Washed Man terial in Cement Work. More than \$18,000,000 worth of szad and gravel was dug out for sal- in the United States in 1909, according to a report just issued by the geological

This notable increase in production is due in great part to the more extensive use of sand and gravel in concrete construction work, but larger quantities were also used as railroad ballast and filling. bere was also a considerable increase in the use of molding sand. The production of glass sand in 1909 was but little more than that in 1908.

During 1809 the geological survey made field and laboratory studies of many kinds of sands and gravels in localities where federal buildings were in course of construction. These studies have shown great differences in the quality of sand and gravel used at different places for making concrete. Some contractors contend that bun-ofbank sand gravel is the best for making cement concrete, but this contention is generally not sustained by practical trials and experiments. The most desirable material is that which is free from clay, loam or dust. Mica also is objectionable if present in large quantity, as well as pyrite or limonite. A coating of dust on gravel prevents its proper contact with cement, and the pebbles are therefore easily broken out of the concrete.

During recent years, particularly in the large building centers, there has been a greater general appreciation of the importance of using proper sand and gravel in cement concrete, so that leading architects and builders are requiring sound, clean, washed material

To Keep Brasswork Bright.

Brass rails or other brasswork on naunches or boats can be easily kept bright by the use of sperm oil. Son boatmen polish their brasswork only once with putz or polishing powder, while for the rest of the season they keep it bright with sperm oil, which is rubbed on with a very oily cloth. Before starting on a trip the brasswork is rubbed over with the sperm oil cloth to prevent the salt from reaching the brass, and on the return the salt is readily taken off, leaving the rail bright. This method was recently suggested to an automobilist, who found it to be a great success, because he could polish up his brass very eastly after it had been left several days, ... Scientific American.

"You can't guess what sister, sail about you just before you came in, Mr. Highcolar," said little Johnnie. "I he en't an idea in the world, John

"That's it You guessed it the ver first tims."

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