

THE ARMY OF OCCUPATION

Paris, Dec. 14.—The official statement issued by the War Office tonight relative to the advance of the French Army of Occupation reads:—

"Continuing their march, the troops of the Tenth Army, after having occupied Kremsbach, passed on December 9, the line of Bretzenheim, Sprendlingen, Eichloch, Diebelnheim and Odernheim. On the same day advanced elements entered the city of Mayence."

BRITISH CROSS THE RHINE

London, Dec. 13.—An official statement on the operations of the British Army of Occupation, issued tonight says:—

"Our advanced troops yesterday crossed the Rhine and commenced occupation of the Cologne bridgehead. By evening they had reached the general line Ober Castle-Siegburg-Odenthal-Opladen."

FARM FOR SALE

The Department of Agriculture wishes to publish a more complete list of farms for sale during the coming winter. All persons having improved farms for sale are requested to communicate with the Superintendent of Immigration, 108 Prince William St., St. John, N. B.

WANTED—Books and magazines for distribution to returned soldiers en route home, in the Military Hospitals or going overseas. Telephone Mr. A. Murray, care of A. Murray & Co. Tel. No. 159, or leave at store for Military Y. M. C. A.

TURN TO THE RIGHT, TO BE PLAYED HERE

New York Success Coming to the Opera House Here Next Friday and Saturday.

The story of "Turn to the Right" the reigning comedy success which the United Producing Company, Limited, will present at the Opera House here next Friday and Saturday, deals with the regeneration of two nimble witted young crooks through the influence of a saintly old lady, and her rescue from the hands of a grasping money lender by the nimble witted pair.

The two crooks, Mugs and Gilly, are pals of young Joe Bascom, the erring son of the old lady, and they appear at the Bascom homestead direct from a "stretch" in Sing Sing.

With a bumper crop of peaches about to rot on the trees, the trio set forth to convert the fruit into cash via the jam route, the recipe for the jam having won a reputation for Mrs. Bascom throughout the countryside. All this they accomplished after a dip into high finance with Deacon Tilling, the town Shylock, who was about to seize the farm for debt, on the losing end of a scheme that only a slick pickpocket and a daring safe burglar could execute.

The reformation of Joe and his pals is complete and sincere and everybody is glad to see them "Turn to the Right" and follow the road to happiness and success.

The play will be presented here with the New York cast and production, exactly as it ran for nine months at Cohan's Grand Opera House, Chicago.

Seat sale Wednesday at Ryan's drug store.

MR. GOMPERS DENIES REPORT

New York, Dec. 13.—A letter from Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, in which he denied having dined at the Hotel Astor, where a waiter's strike is in progress, was made public tonight by Ernest Bohn, Secretary of the Central Federation Union. Mr. Gompers characterized the statement of the waiters as "untrue and offensive". The dinner which Mr. Gompers was charged with having attended and which was served by non-union waiters was that of the Academy of Political Science. He was one of the speakers but did not arrive until after the banquet had been served.

It's as great an error to think that every bachelor has been disappointed in love as to think every married man hasn't been.

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ENGLISH PAPER PRAISES WORK OF AMERICAN NAVY

Destroyers Rendered Good Service Guarding the Waters Around the British Isles -- Fleet of Mine Sweepers Did Splendid Work -- Twenty-Five Mines Were Cut in One Day by a Single Boat

(New York Sun)

With the American Navy in French Waters, Oct. 20—Recently all the world learned of the splendid work of the American navy in laying mines. It can sweep up the enemy ones too. Listen to what an English writer, who was with an American mine sweeper in the closing days of the war, says:

Each seaman trained in his work did his appointed task, watching always the Chief who was directing the work. It was as fine a piece of quiet, efficient workmanship as I have ever seen. In a few minutes the Quarter-master on the bridge at a signal from the skipper had run up the big red code flag warning all ships of the deadly occupation of the sweeper. The gear was out, life preservers were fastened on, lookouts stationed, and another day's sweeping was well started.

It is no wonder that the work was done smoothly on this ship. It is one of the little squadron of American sweepers which entered the war zone just a year ago coming close on the heels of those speedy, restless destroyers which soon after the declaration of war began their wonderful service around the British Isles.

And if you talk to the boys who man these "packets" as they call them, you will find that the extreme danger of their work means nothing. They are all game to fight it through until the Kaiser is licked, but they don't deny the fact that it is sometimes hard sledding.

Hunting for "Eggs"

Not long ago one of this little fleet was operating over a mine field. In the course of five short minutes it cut four of those ugly "eggs"—horned eggs of the most vicious kind known to modern warfare. They had been laid directly in the route used by a coastal convoy. Such a work of a few minutes was really an inestimable service to the allied cause.

It is peculiar that in mine sweepers there is usually one ship that is the lucky one. The sweeper that just the other day got the four mines was already far in the lead.

It is so among the French. One of their boats which operated with our fleet of sweepers cut over fifty mines, far outdistancing the others.

Another of their famous sweepers has the notable record of having cut twenty-five mines in one day in the course of its work on a mine field. French marines receive compensation for each mine obtained. There is no such rule in the American fleet.

Anyone who thinks, however, that all a mine sweeper does is to cut mines is quite mistaken—a ship is sinking three sweepers to help her and off they go to the rescue.—Another radio comes in "Submarine operating off—please send extra escort" and off go the little sweepers to take up their position with a convoy.

Divers Duties of Sweeper

Another time it is a troublesome Boche sub. one of those sneaking customers who has a regular camping ground. The sweeper takes up a night patrol until the sub is destroyed or seeks other fields of activity. The Tars always give these subs who operate in one section nicknames, the most famous being called "Pete."

This "Pete" is, of course, not one submarine but a whole string of persistent marauders who have been assigned to duty at this point—naturally known as an important one in allied traffic. And some of them have had very disagreeable experiences in the course of their wanderings in this section. Among their worst enemies are

now the Yankee airmen from a near by station scouting far above in their whirling planes.

A sub is sighted, a bomb hits the water near the periscope and like a shot the destroyers are over the spot with depth charges and the trawlers, not far behind.

There is really never anything of importance happening but what one or two or perhaps a division of the sweepers are on the job, standing by to assist. It was so when the tragedy of the Florence H. occurred; it was so when a valuable supply ship stranded on an uncongenial reef and many tons of stores were saved.

Speaking of reefs one has only to take a few trips in these sweepers to see that all the danger is not from mines. If there is a more treacherous strip of coast in the world than this it would be hard to find it. The extremely high rise of the tide in the Bay of Biscay creates currents that at times make the calculations of the most careful navigator look foolish.

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Canadians Have Crossed Rhine

With the Canadian Corps at Schleiden, Dec. 10—(Delayed, By J. F. B. Livesay, Canadian Press Correspondent)—The Canadian soldiers yesterday crossed the Rhine. They were outposts of corps which tomorrow will enter Bonn. In a few days we shall proceed to take our position on the right bank eighteen miles east of the Rhine.

"I enlisted in August 1914, remarked a Sergeant of an Ontario Battalion, as he leaned over the bridge at Bonn. 'We have been through many things since, the few of us who are left of the original company. When the armistice was signed I wanted to get right home to the wife and kiddies, but I am glad to be here today. It is what we fought for; it is worth it. Canada on the Rhine; think of it.'

Will Welcome Rest

Steadfast still in spirit the men are tired by the long march which has continued without intermission almost since the capture of Cambrai two months ago. They will welcome rest in permanent billets on their new front. It has been a long and arduous road cut off practically from the outer world. The mail was often four to five days late; even rations were irregular. Ever since we left the Meuse at Huys we have climbed up and up, over the great divide of the Ardennes. This town of Schleiden (Correct) is situated in the heart of the hill country. It is the centre of big game hunting and its people are more akin to the Walloons of Belgium than to German tribes. In fact, they formed up to recently a part of Luxembourg. They seem to welcome us. It is different in Bonn and Cologne where the people are true Germans and regard us with sullenness, but all express joy that the war is ended, even on such disastrous terms to themselves. As we get nearer the Rhine the need is more urgent for enforcing strict discipline and impressing the civilian population with the fact that we mean business.

The conduct of our troops is admirable. The long marches, though they have dimmed their equipment, has not dampened their ardor. This advance has been hard on the individual soldier who has experienced discomforts and hardships unknown even in the heat of battle, but throughout their wonderful spirit is unimpaired, and they have faced these difficulties with the same fortitude that impelled victory.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—With the object of helping to conserve Canada's supply of wheat an order-in-council has been passed providing that no person shall sell or purchase any wheat fit for milling purposes for the feeding of poultry. The only exception is wheat grown together with other grain which cannot be separated for milling purposes.

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Mrs. H. Membury, 325 Seaton St., Toronto, Ont., writes: "I have used Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills and found them to be of great benefit to me, in fact, I consider they saved my life, and I have told many of my neighbors about them."

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Then they sent for a specialist, as they began to think it was my mind. When the specialist came he was baffled, for I answered his questions all right. Every day I was getting weaker, and when my husband came he could see that I was going, as I could read his thoughts, but said nothing.

Next day a friend came with a cab and took me to their home. They got a box of Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills. I started taking them and began to get better, and at the end of two weeks, I could walk around the room. I am now well and able to do my own work."

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POLICE COURT BUMS TEACH OPERA STAR

Florence Macbeth Learns Both Makeup and Expression—Looks on as Judge Deals Out Justice.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Florence Macbeth, coloratura soprano, leaned over Judge Barasa's old walnut desk in the Clark street police station. Her blue eyes were eager for every stuttering word, every trembling gesture, every line graven in an old timer's face.

"They're special teachers and the best of their sort in the world," whispered Miss Macbeth. "They teach two branches. One is make-up, the other is expression. Watch!"

"Dorothy Stone," rumbled the voice of the clerk. "Kindly step forward as your name is called."

A pretty, pink cheeked beaver hatted girl with her chin lost in a beaver collar stood before the judge. Her glances were quick and furtive. She was breathing rapidly. It was the little Red Cross "flu" nurse who took a sealskin coat from Mrs. H. W. Sherman of the Grand boulevard, a patient who later died of the disease.

"I borrowed it to go home in, your honor. It was a cold night. I was getting the influenza. Before I could go back Mrs. Sherman was dead," the words came trippingly on the tongue—well practiced. But when the judge suddenly asked her why she hadn't returned the coat anyway, she became suddenly flustered.

"I was scared. I cut it up. Just frightened."

While Dorothy was being held to the grand jury for a bond of \$1,500, a colored man and his wife were escorted to the bar by a colored policeman, who laid an empty gun and a family of cartridges by it. The wife told her story with her eyes and a few shakes of her head. The husband grinned and rolled his shoulders as he related his jealous threat to kill "the lady, my wife here."

"Just had my cold operated on, judge, your honor," said the wife. "I couldn't protect myself as usual."

"Gotta treat her that way, sometimes, judge. That woman can't stand good treatment."

"Go home and behave," ordered the judge. Both faces fell.

The country chap who had been picked up because he gave the taxi driver \$50 and said he wanted no change, mouthed words he never uttered and was told to "go back to Pontiac."

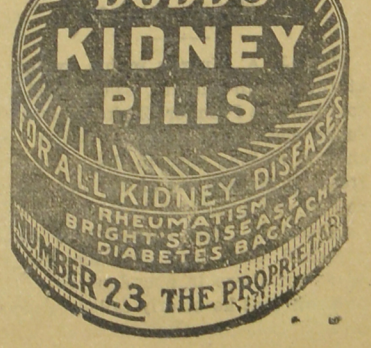
Little Miss Macbeth missed no gesture. "I have studied in New York and abroad—this Chicago police station is one of the best schools one could come to. Splendid!"

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