

## A Word With Subscribers

It is a popular misconception that in times of War a newspaper makes money. As a matter of fact, any newspaper which tries to do its duty by its subscribers, loses money during war time. This is true of The Daily and Semi-Weekly Mail. Both of these papers, in spite of their tremendous increase in circulation, are not making any profit out of the war. This being the case, we have to ask our subscribers who are in arrears to be good enough to REMIT. If we are properly doing our duty toward you as a subscriber, we have to ask that you will carry out your duty to us by remitting promptly any amount that may be owing to us.

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## BEST STORIES OF THE WAR

Correspondents at the front or marooned in obscure places while the European conflict rages manage daily to get through the wary censors some little grimly humorous or tragic sidelights of the war. Here are the best that have come over the cables:

### GETTING REAL CRUSTY.

"Vienna Bakeries" all over France have now changed their title to "Parisian Bakeries," says a Paris correspondent.

### BATTLES QUITE THE THING.

When fighting was general about Brussels smart women of the Belgian capital motored out to watch battles in the cool of the afternoon as gayly as though going to the races, says an Ostend correspondence.

### CHILD PLAYED AMID DEAD.

Here is part of the description of scenes on the battlefields on the banks of the Marne as told to a Paris correspondent by an eye witness:

"The greatest optimism reigns. I saw the remains of blown-up bridges and hundreds of lifeless horses and mules in the deserted trenches. Dead soldiers had been buried and the wounded cared for, and some priests were throwing burning brushwood on carcasses.

In the blazing sunshine not far away I saw a little boy son of a Turco for the Turcos often bring their wives and children on or near the battlefield.

"He had a rifle of some wounded soldier which he was hugging in his little arms as if it were a toy. He was perfectly happy surrounded by evidences of death, destruction suffering and blood. His father was lying wounded in a village close by. The child had strayed away."

### POISONING WATER.

A Petrograd correspondent says: "Wounded officers who have returned from East Prussia charge that the Germans are poisoning the water."

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### TRIED TO ROW TO WAR.

Four gunners of the Royal Field Artillery at Folkestone had an experience which has set all the channel town to laughing, says a London correspondent. The gunners recently hired a small boat and rowed out into the Channel.

The following morning a boat from Calais the French city, just across the Channel swung the missing row boat down to the dock at Folkestone and the four gunners sheepishly followed.

Nervous because of the delay in getting to the scene of war, the four men had decided they would row to Calais. They had failed to provide food and water and found the thirty mile pull under a hot sun a task they had not expected. Finally they hailed a French fishing vessel.

### "WANT TO FIGHT WITH DADDY."

"One curious little fact I heard yesterday from a French artilleryman is that there are numbers of boys in the firing line," cables a correspondent at Orleans, France. "It is impossible to get rid of them. Being there they must stay there."

Attached themselves to their fathers, determined to serve in the campaign and be with daddy to the end.

"This soldier informant of mine was amused by the temerity of those lads. They attend their guns and during the actions, amid the nerve racking sights and sounds of shell bursts maintain a naive curiosity and nothing will induce them to leave."

### DECORATED ON BATTLEFIELD.

A correspondent in Limoges cables: "On a train loaded with wounded which passed through here was a young French officer, Albert Palaphy whose unusual bravery on the field of battle won for him the Legion of Honor."

"As a corporal of the 10th Dragoons at the beginning of the war, Palaphy took part in the recent violent combat with the Germans. In the thick of the battle the brigadier, finding his colonel wounded and helplessly rushed to his aid. Palaphy hoisted the injured man upon his shoulders and under the rain of machine gun bullets carried the colonel safely

to the French lines. The same day Palaphy was promoted to be a sergeant."

"Shortly afterward, although wounded, he distinguished himself in another affair, leading a squad against the Baden Guard, whose standard he himself captured. Wounded by a bullet which had ploughed through the lower part of his stomach and covered with lance thrusts, he was removed from the battlefield in the night. Then he learned that he had been promoted to be a sub-lieutenant and nominated chevalier in the Legion of Honor."

"This incident of decorating a soldier on the battlefield recalls Napoleon's times."

### MINSTREL ACT TURNS HIM AWAY

A London Chronicle correspondent in Paris telegraphs that some of the French soldiers have discovered that the German troops are very unwilling to face the black troops from Senegal.

Taking advantage of this fact, these Frenchmen have carefully blackened their faces with burnt cork before charging the enemy. This added to the horrible yells to which they give vent seems to have had a considerable effect. On one occasion, it is related, a detachment of Germans turned tail and fled when they saw these "Christy Minstrel" Senegalese charging them.

### HUSSAR LED 300 CAPTIVE.

The following incident is told by a Paris correspondent:

"Near a little village in Lorraine a German lieutenant was effectively using his artillery on the French. A Hussar had been taken a prisoner to the village, which was defended by 300 Germans. Under cover of their own artillery the French advanced irresistibly."

"The German officer, who saw that he could not hold out, asked the Hussar's advice. Of course the French soldier answered, 'If you resist you're all dead.' 'Yes,' says the German, 'but if we surrender, still we will all be shot.' The Hussar assured him that France respects the laws of war, that prisoners are well treated and every one of them would be safe. The German officer quickly resolved to stop his resistance."

"Then the brave little French Hussar, with the German officer beside him and followed by 300 painted helmets marched to the first French officer and handed over his prisoners."

### WHAT'S WAR TO DICTIONARY?

A Paris correspondent cables: "Ten members attended the French Academy's regular meeting this month and discussed the word 'exode' for the dictionary. 'Exode' means 'exodus.'"

Marcel Prevost, the writer, who is an artillery captain, gave his conference a description of the Paris defenses."

### HAYFORK PART OF DINNER SET.

"The scene is a village on the outskirts of Muelhausen," says a correspondent in Bordeaux. "A lieutenant of German scouts dashes up to the door of the only inn in the village, posts men at the doorway, and entering, seats himself at a deal table. 'He draws his sabre and places it on the table at his side and orders food in menacing tones."

"The village waiter is equal to the occasion. He goes to an outhouse and fetches a hayfork and places it at the other side of the isitor."

"Stop, what does this mean?" roars the lieutenant furiously.

"Why," says the waiter innocently, pointing to the sabre, "I thought that was your knife so I brought you a fork to match."

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## LADIES' NEWS

Every woman loves smart neckwear. By its use endless opportunities are offered for changing an old frock into a new one.

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High, rolling organdie collars continue to be popular. Such a collar with a thin guimpe can be worn by any one. The low, soft roll is very becoming to a full low neck, and a new finish for these organdie soft collars is a half inch tie of black net, or tulle, with a long tassel of bright colored beads.

### COLLARS ARE BOTH FLAT AND POINTED

Some flared and pointed organdie collars with a fish-like veste or folds have a finish inside of fine embroidered edging with a turret edge resting on the neck. A small pointed collar has a flat venise edging two inches wide, which follows the roll of the collar, enlarging it to the usual size. Cape effects in turnover collars are new. Those of organdie are embroidered in solid outline and eyelet work, while piques have solid embroidery.

Plaids continue in popularity despite the invasion of floured silks into the field of fashion. The gown seen recently was of a large plaid design made with a full overskirt.

### BLOUSES DEPEND ON COLLARS FOR CHARM

The fashionable blouse is without elaborate trimming of any kind, other than that which may be furnished by the collar. The collar is so important a feature this season that it requires special attention. When the first dainty starched collars of swiss and organdie appeared last winter no one could have predicted how great their popularity would be. They have been devised in many different styles, and involved in many different materials. Every thing is worn from the most expensive, sheer mull, with a picot edge to costly hand embroidered affairs that are known as "old embroidery" and are truly lovely and an ornament to any waist.

### PEACH DESSERT

Peach pudding is a very popular dish with the peach lover. Fill pudding dish with whole peeled peaches and pour over them two cups of water; cover closely and bake until peaches are tender; drain juice and let stand until cool. Add to juice one pint of sweet milk, four well beaten eggs, a small cupful of flour with one teaspoonful of baking powder mixed thoroughly in it; one cupful of sugar, one tablespoonful of butter and a little salt. Beat well, pour over peaches. Bake until brown, serve with cream.

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## EVENING SMILES

### THE DEPTHS OF HUMILITY.

"When Dr. Creighton was bishop of London," said the present bishop of London, "he rode on a train one day with a small meek curate. Dr. Creighton, an ardent lover of tobacco, soon took out his cigar case and with a smile said:

"You don't mind my smoking, I suppose?"

"The meek curate bowed and answered humbly:

"Not if your lordship doesn't mind my being sick."

### MADE NO PROGRESS.

Smith and Jones were neighbors and while talking over the garden fence one afternoon they became tangled in a discussion that required some mental calculation.

"I tell you, Jones," declared Smith, in response to an assertion of the other, "that you are entirely wrong in your conclusions."

"You will pardon me, old man," was the emphatic rejoinder of Jones, "but I am absolutely right!"

"And I say that you are not!" shouted Smith, losing patience. "Didn't I go to school, stupid?"

"Yes," was the calm reply of Jones, "and you came back stupid."

### ORDAINED PRIEST.

Globe:—In the Cathedral this morning at the 8.30 o'clock mass, Rev. Hector Belliveau was raised to the priesthood by His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc, who was assisted by Revs. M. P. Howland and M. O'Brien. Rev. Wm. M. Duke was master of ceremonies. Revs. A. J. O'Neill of Silver Falls, and E. Walsh, C.S.S.R., of St. Peter's, had seats in the sanctuary. Very Rev. Mon. Belliveau of Grand Digue, uncle of the ordinand, assisted him. The new Levite is a son of Prof. Belliveau of the Normal School, Fredericton, and will celebrate his first mass at the cathedral on Tuesday morning.

## BOILED THE SNAKES

### Defence in a Negro Charmer's Claim For Wages

That plaintiff had boiled two snakes to death was the defence raised at West London County Court in an action brought by William Smith, professionally known as Togo, a snake charmer, against Edmond Engell, showman, residing at Shepherd's Bush, for £15 wages, alleged to be due under a contract.

Smith, a black man, who spoke English very imperfectly, said he was sent to Paris to open a snake show there, his pay being £2 a week. A contract to that effect was signed and he next appeared at Grasse, Vienna, Berlin, and Hamburg. When he returned to London he was only paid 25s. a week, and was finally discharged when the show closed on Feb. 28 at Olympia. His claim included his fare back to Glasgow.

Emil Mayer, defendant's manager, stated that from what he saw of Smith he thought he did not know much about snakes. In the first week of the show at Hamburg Smith behaved in a very disorderly manner. He neglected the snakes, and he was discharged because two of the snakes died—he had boiled the "animals" to death. As there were no more snakes he was put on as a tout, he having a loud voice.

"What did you do to the snakes?" asked his honor of Smith.

"The snakes have to get a warm bath three times a week in winter."

His honor thought that Smith was entitled to his fare back to Glasgow and gave judgment for £1 7s. and costs.

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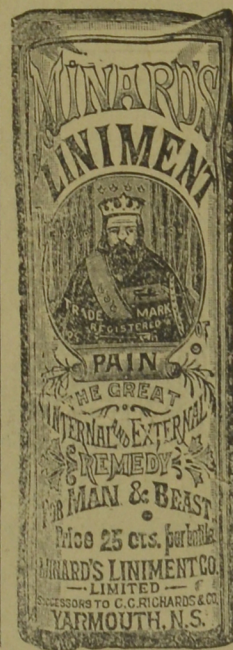
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