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Tanks' Formidable Weapons in Modern Warfare.

Dispatches from the war zone during the past few days have given considerable attention to "tanks", a kind of war machine in the hands of the British army. The "tanks" have done effective work in smashing the German lines in northern France.

The "tanks" are armored motor cars. They were built for the most part in Peoria, Ill., as caterpillar tractors, designed many years before the war began, to meet some of the difficult problems of modern farming. Except for the armor, their machine guns and their crews, thousands are in use today in the United States in plowing, digging ditches and other labors less heroic than war.

M. M. Baker, vice president of the Holt Manufacturing Company, says it was machines made by his company at its Peoria plant that hurdled German trenches, walked through forests and crawled over shell craters in the face of intense rifle and machine gun fire.

"It is true," said Mr. Baker, "that these tractors can go ahead over almost anything. They can straddle a trench, go through a swamp, roll over logs, or climb through shell craters like a car or a juggernaut. It looks uncanny to see them crawl along the ground, just like a huge caterpillar. In a thick forest, if they encountered trees they could not brush out of their way, they could easily be used to uproot them and clear their own paths."

Mr. Baker said the tractors sent to England weigh about 18,000 pounds each, develop 120 horse power and are built of steel. The caterpillar feature, he explained, is of the utmost importance. Speaking broadly, the tractor crawls on two belts, with corrugated surfaces, on either side of the body. The corrugated surface is on the ground. On the inside of the belts, on each side of the body, are two lines of steel rails, making four lines in all. These rails are in short sections, jointed and operate over a cogged mechanism that actually lay them down with their belt attachment as the tractor moves ahead and picks them up again, so the car runs on its own self-made track continuously. The short joints in the rails make it easy to turn to the right or left.

The body is supported by trucks with five wheels, something like small railroad trucks. These wheels never touch the ground but run upon the steel rails. In the ordinary tractor about seven feet of belt and rails is on the ground at one time. Mr. Baker said that the machine would bridge any trench that was not wider than the length of track it laid on the ground at one time. The "bow" might hit the far side of the trench far below the top, and the "stern" would undoubtedly sink a little, but the tenacity of the tractor, he declared would enable it to go ahead and climb out.

It was reported that the United States government would provide these "tanks" for our army, but this is denied. It is explained at the War Department that 27 caterpillar motors recently ordered by the department are for the army purposes, such as towing big guns, for which similar cars have been used in the army for years.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

We Forget.

We resolve at the beginning of each political campaign that we will not be swept away by the fierce assaults that the leaders of each party make against the other, but as the fight waxes hot we find ourselves borne along on the turbulent tide and joining in the general clamor of denunciation and detraction. We forget our good resolution and cry "crucify him" with the rest. Perhaps it may not be amiss to stop within five weeks of the election, and recall our determination to be calm and serene in the midst of the storm. The other man is not half as bad as he is painted. The candidates of both sides are honest as politicians go, and sincerely desire to see our country prosperous and progressive. We are all in the same boat, and what affects one affects all. We must live or die, survive or perish together. We all love the flag and the last one of us stands ready to defend it. Then why in the name of common sense do we abuse each other and say all manner of evil against one another during the three or four months preceding the election. After the election we are good friends again and the old relations are renewed. The curious thing about it all is, the candidates themselves never get offended at each other. They ride, sleep, eat and dwell together in unity. When they get before the public they make the fur fly and pretend to be furious, but as soon as the back of the public is turned they are as chummy as brothers, and laugh at the way the boys laugh at each other. We are the ones who make fools of ourselves and not the honorable gentlemen who are running for office. They make a pretense of being greatly offended and cut up all sorts of shins for pay! We snarl at each other and say ugly words for nothing. No wonder they laugh at us. Brethren, lets turn the joke on them this time. Lets keep sweet and refuse to get mad and give the men on the other side credit for the same honesty and sincerity we claim for ourselves. You know we determined to do this last summer before the pot began to boil. If we have forgotten and said some fool thing let us put on the lid and sit on it. It is the biggest foolishness in the world for neighbors to fall out about Bickett and Linney who are on the best of terms themselves; or about Hughes and Wilson who, no matter what we think or say about either, have the highest respect for each other. Don't say a silly thing about a man just because he is not a member of your party. You don't hurt him, and advertise yourself.—Charity and Children.

When You Have A Cold.

Give it attention, avoid exposure, be regular and careful of your diet, also commence taking Dr. King's New Discovery. It contains Pine-Tar, Antiseptic Oils and Balsams, is slightly laxative. Dr. King's New Discovery eases your cough, soothes your throat and bronchial tubes, checks your cold, starts to clear your head. In a short time you know your cold is better. It's the standard family cough remedy in use over forty years. Get a bottle at once. Keep it in the house as a cold insurance. Sold at your druggist.

An owl gets credit for wisdom because he maintains the silence of a Supreme Court judge, but if an owl could talk he would take chances on being a second Judge Hughes.—Wilmington Star.

FOLEY CATHARTIC TABLETS
Keep Stomach Sweet - Liver Active - Bowels Regular

Young Man Kills Sweetheart.

Lenoir Topic, 4th.

Intense excitement prevailed in Lenoir and surrounding county last Sunday evening when it was learned that Miss Florence Sutphin, a young woman about 17 years of age, was shot and killed by Charles Walker on a road near town.

It appears that Walker, aged about 19 years, son of James Walker, of near Draco, Little River township, had been for some time paying attention to Miss Sutphin, who lived with her mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Whitener, in the eastern part of Lenoir. On Saturday evening he came to see her, but she told him that she had decided not to go with him any longer. After making some threats Walker left the house. Sunday morning, he came back to see her, but went away when he was told again that his attentions were not acceptable. Expressing fears about going alone, Miss Sutphin went to Sunday school at the Baptist church here in company with other young women. On Sunday afternoon, accompanied by two small Martin girls, she was walking out to Mr. James Haigler's on the Taylorsville road about three miles from town when Walker appeared on the scene and demanded, "Florence, ain't you going with me any more?" According to evidence as given by the two little girls, she promptly replied, "No." Walker's reply was, "You know what I have told you, then," the reference being to a former threat to kill her in case she turned him down. The girls started off together, when Walker fired three times at his sweetheart with a .38 caliber pistol, one bullet taking effect in the back of her head. Walker then ran into the woods and the two little girls went hastily Mr. Haigler's to give the alarm. On their return they found that the young woman was dead, the belief being that death was almost instantaneous. On account of the illness of the dead girl's mother, her remains were brought to the home of Mr. W. L. Ernest and prepared for burial, which took place at King's Creek Monday.

Immediately after being notified, Sheriff Triplett and his deputies left by automobile in search of the perpetrator of the crime. Getting on his trail, the officers located him at the home of his brother, S. M. Walker, in Little River township in whose home the arrest was made without resistance, though Walker is reported to have said that he would die before he would allow the officers to bring him to Lenoir. The fatal shot was fired late in the afternoon, and before 10 o'clock at night the guilty party was behind the iron bars of the county jail.

Walker claims that the killing was accidental, that in changing the pistol from one pocket to another the weapon discharged without evil intentions on his part.

Will Sloan's Liniment Relieve Pain?

Try it and see—one application will prove more than a column of claims. James S. Furguson, Philadelphia, writes: "I have had wonderful relief since I used Sloan's Liniment on my knees. To think after all these years of pain one application gave me relief. Many thanks for what your remedy has done for me." Don't keep on suffering, apply Sloan's Liniment where your pain is and notice how quick you get relief. Penetrates without rubbing. Buy it at any drug store. 25c.

CANDIDATE HUGHES.

The followin from the Mount Vernon, (Ky.) Signal, was handed The Democrat by W. L. Bryan, Esq., and is well worth reading twice:

Mr. Hughes' policy as a candidate for the high office of President does not have a tendency to raise him in the estimation of the voters, even of his own party. He seems to adopt the easy job of picking flaws and criticising the present administration. In no important respect does he suggest constructive legislation. He has been asked many questions as to what he should have done under conditions confronting our President, but never has he answered. Many of the great authors and writers of the country joined in asking him nineteen questions, but up to this time he has failed to answer any one of them. Why? Because, as Ralph Cole, Chairman of the Speakers' Bureau of the Republican Party, says Hughes has not the inside information. Why should he criticize if he cannot give us something better? Under the Wilson Administration the country has been given the Federal Bank Reserve Act. Panic among one hundred million people, in command of a mighty few gamblers, is no longer possible. It is constructive and for the people. The Clayton legislation takes human labor and lives from the list of market commodities and articles of commerce. It is constructive and for the people. The Child-labor legislation saves the most precious possessions of this nation, frees children. It is constructive and for the people of this and future generations.

The Farm Loan Act is freedom and opportunity for the sinew, bone and soul of the country. It is constructive and for the whole people in its financial effort.

The Seaman's Act, the Armour Plate plant, the Nitrate plant, the Preparedness and other measures enacted under the guiding hand of President Wilson means freedom, safety and advancement of all true American ideas. They are constructive and for the people. Right here in America, in our business, in our homes, in the lives of our children, we are having and are to have the splendid effects of Woodrow Wilson's engineering of constructive laws that mean better lives, better people and a much better nation.

In view of such splendid work and the enactment of such wholesome laws, it is the best interest of the whole people to continue such a man in office and that man is Woodrow Wilson.

Just the Thing for Diarrhoea.

"About two years ago I had a severe attack of diarrhoea which lasted over a week," writes W. C. Jones, Budford, N. D. "I became so weak that I could not stand upright. A druggist recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. The first dose relieved me and within two days I was as well as ever." Many druggists recommend this remedy because they know that it is reliable. Obtainable everywhere.

"Hughes about to lose his voice." Yet not all he is about to lose.—Wilmington Dispatch.

Liver Trouble.

"I am bothered with liver trouble about twice a year," writes Joe Dingman, Webster City, Iowa. "I have pains in my side and back and an awful soreness in my stomach. I heard of Chamberlain's Tablets and tried them. By the time I had used half a bottle of them I was feeling fine and had no signs of pain." Obtainable everywhere.

Carlyle on War.

Herald-Courier.

Thomas Carlyle's ideas regarding war as set forth in "Sartor Resartus," doubtless will appear a trifle old-fashioned to some people of this day and time. Nevertheless, they are and always will be worth recalling and considering. Many will find them especially interesting just now, when Europe is bathed in the blood of men, and sorrow and suffering stalk through the continent when American swashbucklers are rattling their rusty sabres, and jingoes are raising their raucous voices in bellicose bluster, all seeking to force the only great nation at peace to take up the sword. Here is what Carlyle said of war;

"What, speaking in quite unofficial language, is the purport and upshot of war? To my knowledge, for example, there dwell and toil in the British village of Drumdrudge usually some 500 souls. From these, by certain 'natural enemies, of the French, they are successively selected during the French war, say thirty able-bodied men; Dumdrudge, at her own expense, has suckled and nursed them; she has, not without difficulty and sorrow, fed them up to manhood, and even trained them to crafts, so that one can weave, another build, another hammer, and the weakest can stand under thirty stone avoirdupoise. Nevertheless, amid such weeping and swearing, they are selected; all dressed in red; and shipped away at the public charges, some 2,000 miles or say only to the south of Spain, and fed there until wanted.

"And now, to that same spot, in the south of Spain, are thirty similar French artisans from a French Dumdrudge, in like manner wending; till at length after an infinite effort, the two parties come into actual juxtaposition; and thirty stand fronting thirty, each with a gun in his hand. Straightway, the word 'fire' is given and they blow the souls out of one another; and in place of the world has sixty dead carcasses which it must bury, and anew shed tears for.

"Had these men any quarrel? Busy as the devil is, not the smallest! They lived far enough apart; were the entirest of strangers; nay, in so wide a universe, there was even, unconsciously, by commerce, some mutual helpfulness between them. How then? Simpleton! their Governors had fallen out, and, instead of shooting one another, had the cunning to make these poor blockheads shoot."

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