

COUNTRY LOCALS

Mrs. I. D. Goodman made a pleasure trip to Miles where she will spend some time visiting her old friends and acquaintances.

C. M. Smith has been hauling hay from Jim Elliotts this week. Mr. Smith has just finished a six acre field where he has been plowing for Mrs. Reynolds also 15 acres for himself.

Chas B. Girk who drives the Camp Pass, Volberg, Epsie and Olive mail route had the direct misfortune of having his ford kick back on him and sprain his arm very bad, but he is still on the job never less another party does the cranking for him.

Young Theodore Howard of Miles City, was thrown from his horse the later part of last week skinning his elbow badly His recovery is expected by all.

The new mill at Broadus has started progressing towards a big success, by turning out of its machinery 300 lbs. of high grade flour Tuesday being the first busy day, but it has reached and maintained its capacity each and every day since then.

Thursday of last week Mr. Lee Rowsey sold two Cows with calves at their side, to the Mrs. Servoick who has just buried her husband in Miles. The price being that of \$80.00 paid for the four head.

Archie Kelly of Wolf Creek made a purchase of one sow and a litter of nine for \$60.00, from Lee last Thursday. Lee says that he has a good line of livestock to be disposed of this spring at a very reasonable price.

At the School District no. 28 meeting which came off Saturday R. B. Lockwood was chosen as a Trustee by a vote of 46 to 1 in his favor.

At the same meeting a decision was made where by all the local School houses shall be fenced in the near future.

Little Frank Tarbox was taken very sick with pneumonia last week but is recovering now.

"YOU LOW DOWN HUN"

There was instant consternation. The Red Cross man at the Reconstruction Hospital at Fort Snelling was visiting the wards. He hadn't barely stopped to speak to the man in the first cot when he heard a snarl of anger from the bed farthest down the row.

"You low-down Hun"—a viller epithet was answered by the boy in the adjoining cot. The quarrel waxed hotter. One patient now was reaching out to strike at the other. Something had to be done. The Red Cross officials hurried to the fray to quiet and to reform the combatants. His pacific interruption was greeted by shouts of wildest glee.

"Unless we begin a fight down here, you folks don't get up in this end of the ward at all"

"Twas flattering mutiny."

Well the people ought to be well satisfied, now, as they have received what they said was good for them and their crops, and as we all know was sorely necessary on the spring program.

The snow which came the fore part of this week soaked up the roads as well as the fields, causing the mail to use one day each way in making the trip.

Dick considers that good time "consider" my engine troubles and the "dearred" mud holes.

FREEDOM FOR ALL SLAVS.

"All branches of the Slav race should be completely freed from German and Austrian rule." This emphatic reaffirmation by Secretary Lansing of the position taken by the United States government is of especial importance at this time, when the Slav problem has become one that involves the very existence of the Austro-Hungarian empire, says Philadelphia Ledger. It means that we are to stand squarely behind the national aspirations, not only of Poland, but of Bohemia and the Yugoslav provinces that seek incorporation with Serbia. The late Archduke Franz Ferdinand was a strong advocate of the right of the Bohemians to an equal voice with the Germans and Hungarians in the imperial government, and this fact aroused the suspicion at the time of his assassination that the event was not displeasing to Germany. Had he lived to succeed to the throne, he might have imposed his ideas upon the ruling classes of the empire. Charles has not been bold or intelligent enough to do that. And nothing is more certain than that the Bohemians will never submit now to any arrangement which keeps them under the dominion of the House of Hapsburg. Meanwhile the complete understanding which has been reached between the Yugoslavs and the Italians will make the demand for independence from that quarter equally irresistible.

Reports of industrial revolts in Germany and of bread riots in Austria continue to get past the censors into neutral countries. Is there any reason for doubting them? Some observers suspect that they are sent out with the idea of causing the allies to weaken their effort and become careless. This seems absurd. If the outbreaks had not occurred the truth would sooner or later become known, says Birmingham Press. Their seriousness may be exaggerated. We cannot tell what effect they are likely to have.

But we can recognize them as symptoms of a disease, and we know that the disease is eating out the vitality of the central empires. The disease is economic and moral bankruptcy. And, since it cannot be secured by German victory, we may be assured that in time it is bound to prove fatal.

A few days ago a contributor to the New York Sun spoke of "the double-headed eagle of Prussia," and the error was permitted to go uncorrected. Now it is misleading editors, who ought to "know what they are talking about," but sometimes don't. The heraldic aviary contains no such bird. Austria has a double eagle, and so has Russia—or had, if it has not perished under the rule of the bolsheviks. The Prussian eagle is a fierce and ugly-looking fowl, but it has one head and no more.

It does not take long or profound thought to determine that now when the most important war industries are briskly responding to the impetus given by experienced direction and co-ordination the question of curtailing the less essential industries should remain in abeyance until ascertained results offer evidence upon which to base action.

Platinum is decidedly more useful for war material than for jewelry. If it is "fashionable," the fashion is an unpatriotic one, and women otherwise patriotic should willingly comply with the request of the bureau of mines to see that more of the precious metal goes for war needs and less for personal adornment.

The American sense of fair play is shown in the cable of General Pershing denying some wild tales of German cruelty said to be told over here in a returned soldier's recruiting speeches. The German command would, in the opposite case, gladly have seized on such tales for the purpose of exploitation.

We can tell by the shape of the shoes the American girls wear that it would not be practical for them to go barefooted this summer to serve their country, as the German girls are asked to do. It would be a desperate condition that would make a girl willing to show the shape of her feet after a year or so of fashionable footwear.

The enthusiastic French are going to change their map some more in compliment to American comrades. In addition to naming a Parisian avenue for President Wilson they propose to rename the Bois de Belleau in honor of the Yankees who captured it.

What marvels army doctors have wrought in preventing disease may be seen in long-range comparisons. Speaking of civilians mainly, Voltaire wrote that of every hundred people sixty had smallpox, ten died of it and ten suffered evil consequences all their lives.

Tobacco rationing would have no terrors for the man who "only smokes one cigar after meals"—if he really does.

GETTING OFF EASILY.

A few of us are getting the privilege of going across the ocean to serve America and humanity by smashing the kaiser and making this a decent world to live in. The rest of us must hold the fort at home. When you think of what those who go across are giving and doing, think of this: Anything we at home can do to help them, whatever it costs us in money, time, sacrifice, work, in deprivation, even, is pitifully small by comparison. Even when we allow ourselves for personal use, out of our means, only a bare living, and devote all the rest to the country; even when we deprive ourselves of accustomed conveniences and luxuries, no matter to what extent; even then, the utmost we can do is pitifully little, compared with what those who fight the Germans are giving and doing. He who serves at home with all that he is and all that he has is getting off easily, says Duluth Herald. Yet he is doing the least he can do for his country. Those at home who shirk, and stint their giving and their sacrifices are not worthy of the name of Americans.

Democracy and autocracy have clung over the metallic qualities of that "solid gold" cup. All was gold that glittered, but it was very thin, and beneath the glitter was naught but dull pewter, and pretty poor pewter at that. At least, that is what the chemist says. But, ach Gott! what does chemistry amount to when it attempts to contravene a decree of Wilhelm II? Did not Wilhelm say it was solid gold? Therefore it is, says Cincinnati Times-Star. Pewter, touched by the alchemy of divine right, becomes a thing of great value and of aureate luster. Surely, what the junior partner of "Me and Gott" can do, the senior partner can accomplish. The entire incident but proves the impudence of democracy. Why, carried to its logical conclusion, such impudence would cause the German people to scratch the veneer from the glittering cup of world empire the kaiser is holding to their lips and discover the dynastic pewter that holds the dregs of bitterness!

The German mustard gas no doubt is as mean as they can make it, but it is interesting to note that French soldiers who have been exposed to it deny the report that it impregnates the clothing so that even those who wear masks are ill protected when it is used. The noxious stuff does settle down in hollows, and there are instances of soldiers who have been burned from touching articles that had been steeped in it for some time; but now that the precautions essential to immunity are understood it is claiming fewer victims.

When lighting London by gas was introduced at the beginning of the nineteenth century, protests were made that the undertaking would be followed by explosions menacing the destruction of the city. Nothing of the kind occurred, and the laugh was on the fearful prognosticators, as it is today on folks, and they were numerous, who when congress passed the daylight-saving bill last spring declared that it would upset the fundamental life of the nation.

The movement of women of the United States to boycott German-made goods for a generation of the cruelty in Germany to American prisoners continues may have some effect, for although they are fond of sneering at American fondness for the dollar, none is more susceptible to that affection than the Teutons themselves. An appeal to his humanity is wasted; a threat to his pocket may work wonders.

Perhaps the official organ of the Austrian Socialists, which demands that the government reach an agreement with President Wilson, bases its proposition on the recent speech of Mr. Lloyd George, who said that the central powers "could have peace tomorrow" if they would accept Mr. Wilson's terms.

We are betting everything on the dear little girls. When the hour strikes they are going to rally to the country so splendidly that even one of those horrible mechanical pianos playing Hawaiian music couldn't make them shake a toe.

The Berlin Lokal-Anzeiger, berating German-Americans for not "doing more for the fatherland," says many of the Germans who emigrated to the United States were of "very low education." They may not have been highly educated, but they had brains enough to get out of Germany.

"Kaiser to Fight Till All Germans Are Dead or Prisoners," says a newspaper headline. You'll notice that he expects to be the last one dead or a prisoner.

One of the fortunes of war is that the erstwhile self-sufficient nickel is now unable to get anywhere without the assistance of the humble penny.

KINGSLEY

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. Hyde a son March 22. Mother and son getting along fine at last reports.

The ladies of Kingsley and vicinity gave a shower for Mrs. Lee H. Rayner at Mrs. H. L. Rayner's April 4th.

Mr. Mc Lees and Mr. J. R. Nally went to Miles City, this week to file on home steads on Big Pilgrim Creek going with Mr. Thompson, Mrs. W. E. Thompson and Miss Orla Mc Lees accompanying them

Mr. Clarence Schrunck has returned to Kingsley from service in the U. S. Marines and one month at Mrs. Murrays.

We are all pleased to see him safe home again.

The school meeting at the Bringer school house last Saturday was well attended, there being 47 voters out. Mr. Rex B. Lockwood was elected director.

The Kingsley Auxilliary Red Cross have decided to put off the regular meetings until after seeding is completed.

Robert E. Rice is keeping his tractor busy on his ranch.

The Ambuel children have been sick with colds.

Mrs. Watters and children have been on the sick list but are improving.

The two Holcom brothers Warn and Basel have just returned to this country this week. They have

MICKIE SAYS

YOU KNOW, READERS, SOMETIMES I HOLLER 'BOUT THINGS THAT DON'T SUIT ME, BUT JEST THE SAME I LIKE YOU ALL FINE 'N I WOULDN'T WORK NOWHERES ELSE BUT HERE, 'N WHEN I GROW UP IM GOING TO HAVE A NEWSPAPER OF MY OWN, I BETCHER!



been over there mixing it with Fritz for more than six months.

Both of the boys were wounded during one of the drives, but not recovering in time to go back to the front before it was over.

At that Warn returns with two more memories of war than his brother, the two being his dear wife and baby boy.

England is beginning to recognize the importance of intellectual training for a growing democracy, says New Republic. A new law will abolish all exemptions from school attendance until the completion of the fourteenth year, with power granted to local authorities to raise the age to fifteen. Pupils will only be permitted to enter or leave at stated periods in the year. A rigorous system of school attendance will be accomplished by street limitations on the labor of children during their attendance in the elementary school. The elementary school curriculum of the future will be less bookish and more practical than hitherto and will be better articulated with the higher schools. For those pupils who cannot pass on to a secondary school, more advanced courses will be provided in the last two years of the elementary school period.

The bride who perforated her husband's anatomy with her gatt is reported to be overcome, and with his intestines punctured in ten places he is not entirely overcome himself. A bride should always begin her offensive with rollingpins, broomsticks and the crockery and work up to the heavy artillery gradually.

Still, even if it be true that women are making a success of men's work, we think it equally true that multiplied thousands of them are making a failure of women's work. Solomon didn't say, "Train up a poodle in the way he should go; and when he was old he will not depart from it."

NO "BASKET" CASES HERE OR IN FRANCE

Those who have heard the story knows what is meant. Sometimes his wife falls dead, sometimes his mother loses her mind, sometimes his father commits suicide.

Always someone dear to someone else has been returned from the front in a "basket," having lost both legs, both arms, and sometimes an eye or two.

For the benefit of those who may have been tortured by the tale, the Northern Division of the Red Cross announces that on the authority of Surgeon General Ireland there are no such cases among American Soldiers in this country or in France. Needless to say the Reconstruction Hospital at Fort Snelling has never heard of such a case.

In the future, any person hearing such a story should get the name and military designation of the patient, the place of observation, and the name and address of the one reporting. This should be sent to the Northern Division office, 202 Essex Building, Minneapolis. The case will be investigated, the offender will be notified of the truth. There are absolutely no "basket" cases.

Herman Peterson took a four horse load of seed oats from Sam Hudson's upper ranch to the one on the Mizpah this week.

Rev. Duncan conducted funeral service at Phillippiis Sunday.

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