SOLDIERS BRUTALLY TREATED BY OFFICERS

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AVERAGE OF TEN EACH WEEK

German Wine-Growing Industry in Bad Way. There Being Gradual Shrinkage in Acreage—Report on Friedmann Tuberculosis Remedy.

Berlin, July 11.—The unceasing criticism of press and Parliament is slowly reducing the number of cases of mistreatment of soldiers by their officers, but a recent report shows that 190 noncommissioned officers and officers were convicted of such offenses last year. This was a reduction of ninety cases from the figures of five years ago.

These 190 convictions by no means indicate, however, that only that number of private soldiers were brutally handled during the year. A recent case, and one by no means unusual, was the conviction of a noncommissioned officer of the Third Bavarian Regiment, who was charged with no less than ninety offenses against the men under him. One soldier was lamed by being struck on the knee-cap with a gun butt, and there were dozens of cases in which recruits were choked and struck in the face. It is not long since a captain was forced to leave the service after his third conviction for maltreating recruits. The charges against him covered brutal treatment in 148 cases.

Complaints of these conditions made in the Reichstag, have from time to time moved the Minister of War to declare that the government was equally concerned and was doing its best to put a stop to them. Figures have been quoted to show that cases of mistreatment are gradually growing less common, and it has been declared that the government desired that punishment of the offenders be exemplary.

With all credit to the Minister of War, it must nevertheless be said that sentences in the majority of these cases are extremely mild and by no means calculated to discourage brutal officers from a repetition of their offenses. The noncommissioned officer just mentioned was sentenced to three months and fifteen days' imprisonment and degraded. This is a really severe sentence, but it is at the same time a most unusual one. Not only is imprisonment for such a term rarely meted out, but degradation is still rarer.

NEARLY TEN CASES OCCUR EACH WEEK

The following case is typical of the nearly ten cases occurring on an average each week. A noncommissioned officer of the Third Guard Field Artillery Regiment commanded a recruit to clean harnesses. He was not satisfied with the recruit's work and started expressing his dissatisfaction by strikes the man over the head with a buckle. He then forced him to march up and down in the stables and to do setting up exercises, including the fatiguing "knee-bend," until the recruit fell from exhaustion. He kicked him in the thigh and on the knees and otherwise maltreated him. The recruit was removed to the field hospital suffering, among other things, with concussion of the brain. The court-martial condemned the officer to five weeks' light arrest.

It is not only certain officers who mistreat recruits. The latter, in the absence of officers, are subject to the older privates, and many cases of outrageous bullying by these older men have been reported. In one of these cases a recruit was sentenced to nine weeks' imprisonment for maltreating a recruit in such a manner that one of the victim's eardrums was ruptured, causing partial deafness.

On the other hand, there is short shrift for the recruit who raises a hand to defend himself against even the most brutal assault from a superior. He is certain of imprisonment for a long term.

The German wine-growing industry is in a bad way. Every year since 1906 there has been a shrinkage in the acreage of vineyards so that the total has fallen from 287,000 to 275,000 acres. As a result of the growing dissatisfaction of the vintners, the fact is cited that the dividends of the city cooperative societies of growers on the Moselle have fallen from $145,000 to $2,000, one within ten years. The causes of the decline of the industry are various: increases in the costs of production, larger imports of foreign wines, defective German legislation, and crop failures from the ravages of insects and plant diseases. Many vineyards have been undermined and destroyed by the government as a preventive measure against the spread of the phylloxera.

CAUSE IS INCREASED COST OF PRODUCTION

The chief cause of the decline is found in the increased costs of production. Along the Moselle, as is shown by statistics recently published, wages in the vineyards have been almost doubled since 1882, other costs of cultivation have are risen doubled, while the costs of materials have more than tripled. Various methods of relief for the industry have been proposed. Just now there is much talk about putting a duty upon foreign wines which have been coming into Germany in increasing quantities.

The North German Gazette reports the appearance of the Friedmann remedy for tuberculosis. It says that there seem to be two parties in the Middle Ages of the medical profession, the bacteriological experts and the Friedmann remedy for tuberculosis.

It would appear from the report that there is no question of the genuineness of the Friedmann remedy, either in cases of human or other kind. Various other kinds of tuberculosis have been cured by the use of the remedy. It is in part to be administered by the mouth, in part by injections, and in part by inhalations. The physicians who have been using the remedy are all of the opinion that it is not a cure-all, but that it does have a beneficial effect upon the patient. It is not to be administered to people who are in the last stage of the disease.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Swiss Government has forbidden the exportation of gold, it is known that a large amount of capital has gone to Switzerland. It is known that one bank in the west had established in that country a trust company with nearly $4,000,000 capital, while each institution is to take charge of German money. It was noticed that Swiss banks have flooded Germany with circulars offering to take deposits, and that there are not less than 120 banks and other concerns have been established in Switzerland either with German money or for the purpose of taking charge of German deposits. The government's representative finally informed the committee that amendments to the tax laws would later be proposed, in order to make it possible to tax more effectively German property held in foreign countries.

RECENT ORDER EVOKES MUCH DISCONTENT

The recent reported revival of an order, effective up to 1905, requiring recruits from Alsace-Lorraine to be enrolled in regiments outside their home provinces, has evoked much discontent and some indignation in the Reichsland. It is considered by a part of the population as a punishment for the events of Zabern. The democratic Elsaesser Zeitung declares that the order will produce widespread dissatisfaction, and the Clerical Elsaesser says: "The recruits of the whole province are being punished for the sins of an officer. The order is an administrative blossom, grown on the soil of prejudice, injustice and narrow-mindedness, which awakens opposition and hatred. We see the policy of the iron hand at its work."

October 1 will see an increase of the telegraphic detachment of the German army by a new battalion. The designation of these troops, however, is now only a reminiscence, for there will henceforth be no army telegraphic service. The telegraph has been replaced by the telephone. The only disadvantage of telephonic service—that it leaves no written record—is considered to be much more than counterbalanced by the fact that the telephonic service is faster and does not require a specially trained staff. The general commanding will hereafter have at his disposal thirty wagons, drawn by ten horses, and equipped with sixty telephones and about seventy-five miles of cable and wire.

MEETS DEATH AT PLACE WHERE FATHER WAS KILLED

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Alexandria, Va., July 11.—James W. Roberts, fifty-seven years old, a prominent resident of Fairfax County, while driving across the railroad tracks at Roberts's Crossing, Fairfax County, yesterday was struck and instantly killed. His horse was also killed and his buggy demolished. Mr. Roberts's skull was fractured. He was unmarried, and was well known in Alexandria. He was president of the Independent Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Fairfax County, vice-president of the Alexandria Water Company, and a director of the Alexandria Water Company.

Mr. Roberts's father was killed at the same spot fifteen years ago, while driving across the tracks.

ALBERTA

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Alberta, Va., July 11.—Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Berry entertained about 100 guests on the Fourth at their home near town. Several sheep were roasted into Brunswick stew by J. P. Daniels, who has many years of experience on such occasions, having for him a very wide reputation. The Brunswick stew was prepared in about four gallons of the pure article, the best stew of the kind ever seen and tasted. The sheep was cooked by the original recipe.

Miss Vivian Barrow left today for a visit to friends in Blackstone.

Mrs. Shelton Hale, of Richmond, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Whitehead.

The following party visited William A. Bridgforth, of this place, on Friday from Blackstone: Misses Virginia Taylor, Edith Michaels, Lucy Wilson, Anna Adams, Louise Adams, C. C. Cardwell, Robert Hardaway and Francis Jeffries.

Thomas Tomlinson, of Richmond, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Whitehead.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Brown spent several days with the former's parents in Newport News this week.

William Bridgforth spent Sunday with his parents in Kenbridge.

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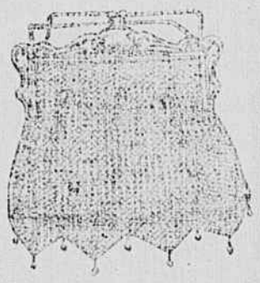

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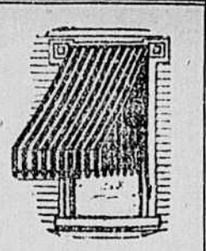
$12.50 Golden Oak Wardrobe, $7.45

This Double Door Wardrobe, 78 inches high, 37 inches wide, 15 inches deep, with large drawer and top shelf; never sold for less than $12.50; sale price **$7.45**



$1.75 Window Awnings, 90c

Window Awnings, blue and white stripe, complete with fixtures ready to hand, in sizes 30-in., 36-42-48; bring measure. None sent C. O. D... **90c**

Close Out Sale

Women's $3 Dresses
$1.95

Wonderful values were the expressions we heard concerning the Dresses that are being offered in this great Close-Out Sale—although Saturday selling was heavy, the huge quantities that were embraced in this purchase assures you selections for to-morrow that are practically as good as yesterday.

These Dresses are made of fine ginghams, flowered and plain crepes, striped or plain lawns and voiles; made with long tunic overskirts, nicely trimmed, unusually well tailored and perfect fitting.

Weisberger's Second Floor.

$1.50 Waists, 95c

Women's Stylish Waists that exemplify this store's ability to produce greater values than any other Richmond store can.

Made of crepes, voiles, organdies and China silk, in the newest styles of the season, showing turnback collars and short sleeves; perfectly made and fine fitting.

Women's Waists, made of china silk and crepe de chine, in all the newest models, well made, extra good fitting and worth $3.00, special at **$1.95**

Women's Waists, made of plain white voiles, crepes and lingerie, turnback collars, new style shirt sleeves; worth regularly $1.00 and $1.25, special at **69c**

Weisberger's Second Floor.

$1.50 Wash Skirts, 95c

Women with an eye to economy will appreciate these Skirts. We are positive that no like value will be found anywhere in Richmond.

Made of fine grade pique and ratine, in long tunic effects, perfectly tailored, extra fine fitting and nicely trimmed—a skirt especially adapted for either outing or street wear.

Women's All-Wool Serge Skirts, in black and blue, also pencil stripes and white serge, made with long tunic effects and nicely tailored, perfect fitting and trimmed with fancy buttons; worth $3.00, special **$1.95.** Weisberger's Second Floor.

Men's $12.50 to $18 SUITS $7.50

The wonderful success of this sale is the talk of Richmond—men in all walks of life are making the most of this opportunity to buy high grade clothing at big saving prices.

The Materials are Worsteds, Velours, Cassimeres, Serges and Cheviots

Assortments are still good, and wise men are buying two, and even three, suits, realizing that such a chance will be a long time coming their way again. Fit, tailoring and materials are bound to please even the most particular man.

Sizes to Fit All Men

Weisberger's Street Floor.

The World's Best SILK HOSE at 45c

Many Stores Ask 69c For No Better

Hundreds of Richmond women have proven the truth of this statement time and time again, and are now firm and fast friends of our Hosiery Department.

These stockings are made of fine quality materials. The silk is fine gauge and very lustrous, made with double soles, high spliced heels and strong garter tops. All the season's newest colors are embraced, and the wearing qualities are superb—in fact, we guarantee them to give absolute satisfaction.

Weisberger's Street Floor.

WHITE DRESS FABRICS

27-inch Imported White Madras Shirting, a complete line of pretty new patterns for shirts, etc.; our 25c quality **21c**

36-inch White P. K., in wide welts; a good heavy quality; an excellent wearing material for skirts, children's suits, coats, etc.; our 25c quality **17c**

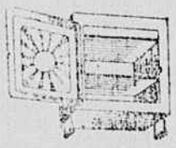
27-inch White Embroidered Lawn, satin stripe, with fancy floral designs of white, making a pretty new wash fabric for summer wear; our 35 quality **23c**

45-inch White Rose Mercerized Suiting, as heavy as linen, and will wear equally as good, will not turn yellow when laundered; the proper material for skirts, coats, tub suits, etc.; value 35c **22c**

45-inch White Organdy, a beautiful sheer quality, now used exclusively for collars, cuffs, waists, etc. **50c**

Great Basement Bargains

ULTRAMARINE BLUE, ¼ lb. packages Wash Blue Balls; special, 3 boxes for **11c**



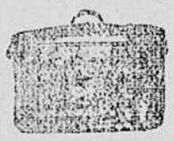
Gas Oven to Set Over One-Burner Gas Stove, Value 98c, Special, **69c**

Alcohol Stove, the quickest and most practical spirit stove you ever saw; gives intense heat; value 79c; special... **49c**

Lawn Mower ball bearings, 14-inch, 4 blades; value $7.50; special **$5.95**

Merit Gas Stove

Ideal warm weather stove, plain black, 4 top burners, oven and broiler; value $10, special. **$8.98**



Wash Boiler

Extra good tin, with handled cover; value 79c; special. **39c**

Hirsh's Ammonia, 32 oz. full strength; value 19c; special **10c**

Hirsh's Potash, 6¾ oz. can; value 15c **7c**

Hirsh's Bird Seed, value 15c **9c**

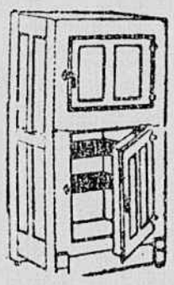
Improved American Washing Machine

Value $4.98; special at **$3.69**

Galvanized Water Pail, 10-quart size; value 19c; special **15c**

Refrigerators at July Clearance Sale Prices

$5.95
$9.98
$19.85



Wash Fabrics---Muslins

36-inch French Percales, all kinds of designs and all fast colors; value 10c... **6c**

27-inch Galateas (Hyde grade), the best made, all colors, in plain and fancy figures and stripes; used extensively for boys wear and bathing suits, fast colors; value 16½c **12½c**

36-inch Full Bleached Cotton, a good heavy grade, splendid for home use and well worth 5c..... **6½c**

32-inch Serpentine Crepes, a big line to choose from, in plains and fancy, used for kimonos, etc., value 17c; special **12c**

27-inch Beauty Crepe, all white grounds, with pretty Dresden effects; a 12½c value **9c**

The bargain event of the season—All of our 27 and 36-inch Ratine, Imported and Domestic, which includes changeable, nub, loop, plain and check; values up to 65c yard; all at one price **29c**

36-inch Floral and Plain Crepe de Chine, half silk, all new designs and colors; value 50c yard **33c**

40-inch Black and White Stripe Voiles and Crepes, all width stripes, very new and stylish; value 25c yd. **18c**

25c Seco Silk, a table full of pretty new shades, in plain, fancy and dots; your choice while they last **12½c**

32-inch Soisette, a few good shades left, fast colors; value 25c; to clean up this entire lot all to go at.. **13c**

Men's Furnishings

Men's Shirts that sold for $1.50 and $2.00; made coat style, French cuffs; the finest of cloths and the patterns are all new ones; all sizes up to 17½... **85c**

You can get the best 25c Mercerized Madras and Oxford Washable Four-in-Hands, cut full, 48 inches long, all fast colors; for quick clearance. **12½c**

Men's Soisette and Checked Madras Shirts and Drawers, made athletic style; regular 50c underwear; for quick clearance **39c**

Men's Milanese Silk Half Hose, made with double sole, heel and toes; they come in navy, black, tans and grays; for quick clearance **12½c**

Weisberger's Street Floor.

New Laces

Val. Laces, 1 to 2 inches wide; regular price 8c yard; special, yard **5c**

Shadow Lace Flouncing, 18 inches wide, new patterns; regular 29c yard; special, yard **19c**

Oriental Allover Lace, in white or ecru; regular price 69c yard; special, per yard **39c**

Oriental Laces; 50 new designs to pick from; widths 4 to 6 inches; regular price 19c, special, yard **11c**

Linen Torchon Laces; 2 to 4 inches wide; regular price 5c yard, special, yard..... **3c**

Linen Cluny Lace; 2 to 3 inches wide; regular price 29c yard, special at, yard **15c**

Embroidery Flouncing; 18 inches wide; new eyelet patterns; regular 29c, special, yard **13c**

27-inch Embroidery Flouncing; pretty baby patterns; regular 59c yard, special, yard **35c**

45-inch Embroidery Flouncing; handsome raised and eyelet patterns; regular price $1.25 yard, special at, yard **45c**

German and French Val. Laces; regular price 25c a dozen yards, special, a dozen yards **15c**

Weisberger's Street Floor.

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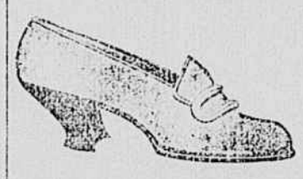

These very popular Shoes have been specially priced for to-morrow's selling—men, women and children will do well to purchase here.

WOMEN'S

White Pumps and Oxfords, in all sizes, very durable and fine appearance; worth $1.50; special **99c**

White Pumps and Oxfords, with rubber soles, comfortable and easy; worth $1.75; special **$1.19**

White Pumps, with Goodyear welt, sewed soles; worth $3; special... **$1.98**

Women's Canvas Button Shoes, good quality; worth $2.50; special **$1.98**

CHILDREN'S

Children's White Shoes, with long wearing qualities; priced according to size—

5 to 8 ..... 69c
8½ to 2 ..... 99c

MEN'S

Men's White Oxfords; no better quality found anywhere at these low prices—$1.19 and **$2.49**

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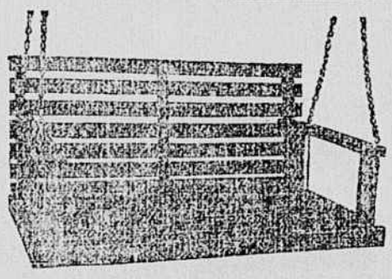

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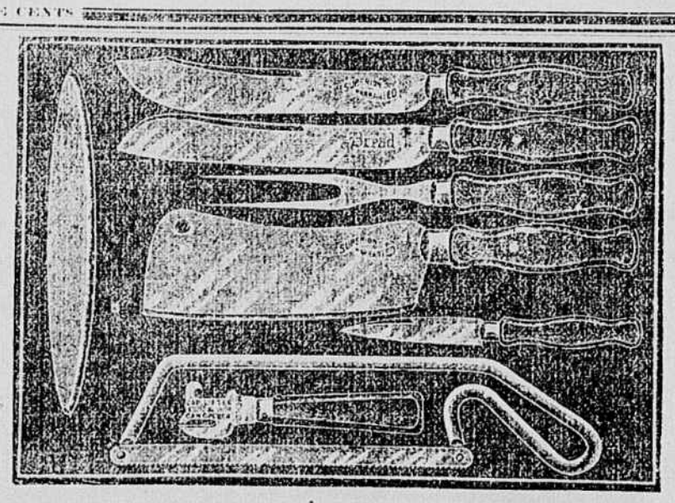
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